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	Table #	Page #	Table #	Page #	Table #	Page #
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	Table #	Page #	Table #	Page #
• As Fabricated				
Dimensions	-----	-----	-----	-----
Fiber Volume	-----	-----	-----	-----
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Compression	3.1-5,6	3-11,12	3.1-7,8	3-13,14
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## SPECIMEN INDEXING CODES

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Each test specimen of different composite materials was given a Martin Marietta I.D. # using an alpha-numeric code outline below:

- 10 Digit Code --- (12)(34)(56)-789-10

(reinforcement, matrix)(vendor, layup)(condition,form)-test,orientation-test#

### Reinforcement Codes:

P-Silicon Carbide Particulate

G-Graphite fibers

C-Carbon (AS4)

W-Silicon Carbide Whisker

### Form Codes:

P-Panel

T-Tube

### Test Codes:

TN-Tension

CM Compression

TO-Torsion

IL-Interlaminar Shear

FX-Flexure

TE-Thermal Expansion

NE-Normal Emissivity

IP-Inplane Shear

TK-Thermal Conductivity

VO-Fiber Volume Analysis

CP-Specific Heat

TD-Thermal Diffusivity

HE-Hemispherical Emissivity

AB-Absorptance

### Matrix Codes:

A-Aluminum

C-Carbon

E-Epoxy

K-PEEK

M-Magnesium

P-PPS

S-Glass

Z-PES

Vendor Codes:

A-Amercom  
B-Specmat  
C-ACMC  
D-DWA  
H-Hitco  
M-MCI  
P-ACPI  
S-Martin Marietta

Layup Codes:

Q-Quasi-isotropic  
Z-Zero CTE  
U-Unidirectional  
B-Bidirectional  
Q-Particulate  
Q-Whisker

Condition Codes:

A-As Fabricated  
T-Thermally Cycled

Orientation Codes:

L-Longitudinal (x)  
T-Transverse (y)  
O-(Out-of-Plane) (z)

Example: (GA)(DU)(AP)-TNL-1 is the Graphite-Aluminum: DWA's Unidirectional As  
Fabricated Plate: a Tension Longitudinal Specimen #1.

(GK)(PQ)(TP)-FXT-5 is the fifth transverse flexure specimen of thermal cycled  
quasi-isotropic graphite reinforced PEEK from ACPI.

## ACRONYMS

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AF	As Fabricated
aF	Acceleration Factor
Al	Aluminum
ATCC	Accelerated Thermal Cycling Chamber
ACMC	Advanced Composite Material Corp., SC
ACPI	Advanced Composite Producted Inc., CT
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
BP-DWA	British Petroleum - Dolowy Webb Associates, CA
C	Carbon
CTE	Coefficient of Thermal Expansion
CV	Coefficient of Variation
D	Thermal Diffusivity
DoD	Department of Defense
E	Epoxy
GEO	Geosynchronous Earth Orbit
Gl	Glass
GN <sub>2</sub>	Gas Nitrogen
Gr	Graphite
LEO	Low Earth Orbit
LN <sub>2</sub>	Liquid Nitrogen
MCI	Material Concepts Inc., Columbus, OH
Mg	Magnesium
MMC	Metal Matrix Composites
MMES	Martin Marietta Energy systems, Oakridge, TN
MTBF	Mean Time Between Failures

NDE	Non-Destructive Evaluation
OMC	Organic Matrix Composites
P	Particulate
p (subscript)	Pitch
QI	Quasi-isotropic
ROM	Rule of Mixture
RT	Room Temperature
SDS	Strategic Defense System
SiC	Silicon Carbide
SOA	State-of-the-Art
Std. Dev.	Standard Deviation
TP	Thermoplastic
UTRC	United Technology Research Center, CT
w (subscript)	Whisker

## SYMBOLS

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$v/o$	Percentage Fiber Volume
$V_f$	Fiber Volume Fraction
$V_v$	Void Volume
$t$	Specimen Thickness
$\theta$	Ply Orientation
$\rho$	Density
$E_x^T$	Longitudinal Tensile Modulus
$E_x^C$	Longitudinal Compressive Modulus
$E_y^T$	Transverse Tensile Modulus
$E_y^C$	Transverse Compressive Modulus
$\sigma_x^{TU}$	Longitudinal Ultimate Tensile Strength
$\sigma_x^{CU}$	Longitudinal Ultimate Compressive Strength
$\sigma_y^{TU}$	Transverse Ultimate Tensile Strength
$\sigma_y^{CU}$	Transverse Ultimate Compressive Strength
$\nu_{xy}$	Longitudinal Tensile Poisson Ratio
$\nu_{yx}$	Transverse Tensile Poisson Ratio
$G_{xy}$	Inplane Shear Modulus
IPSS	Inplane Shear Strength
ILSS	Interlaminar Shear Strength
$\alpha_x = CTE_x$	Longitudinal Coefficient of Thermal Expansion
$\alpha_y = CTE_y$	Transverse Coefficient of Thermal Expansion
$\alpha_z = CTE_z$	Through Thickness Coefficient of Thermal Expansion
$C_p$	Specific Heat
$D$	Thermal Diffusivity
$K_x$	Longitudinal Thermal Conductivity

$K_y$	Transverse Thermal Conductivity
$K_z$	Through Thickness Thermal Conductivity
$\epsilon_H$	Total Hemispherical Emissivity
$\epsilon_N$	Total Normal Emittance
$\alpha_s$	Solar Absorptance
CV	Coefficient of Variation
$\mu\text{m}$	Mirocrometer = Micron

## CONVERSION FACTORS

$$1\text{-in.} = 2.54 \text{ cm}$$

$$1\text{-lb.} = 0.454 \text{ kgm}$$

$$1\text{-lb/in}^3 = 27.68 \text{ gm/cm}^3 = 27.68 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$1 \text{ ksi} = 6.895 \text{ Mega Pascals (MPa)}$$

$$1 \text{ Msi} = 6.895 \text{ Giga Pascals (GPa)}$$

$$^{\circ}\text{F} = 1.8^{\circ}\text{C} + 32$$

$$1 \text{ ppm}/^{\circ}\text{F} = 1.8 \text{ ppm}/^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$1 \text{ watt-sec (W.s)} = 1 \text{ Joule}$$

$$\text{Btu}/(\text{lb}\cdot^{\circ}\text{F}) = 4184 \text{ W.s}/(\text{Kg.K}) = 4.184 \text{ W.s}/(\text{gm.K})$$

$$1 \text{ Btu}/(\text{hr}\cdot\text{ft}\cdot^{\circ}\text{F}) = 12 \text{ Btu-in}/(\text{hr}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^{\circ}\text{F})$$

$$\text{Btu}/(\text{hr}\cdot\text{ft}\cdot^{\circ}\text{F}) = 0.0833 \text{ Btu}/(\text{hr}\cdot\text{in}\cdot^{\circ}\text{F})$$

$$1 \text{ Btu}/(\text{hr}\cdot\text{ft}\cdot^{\circ}\text{F}) = 1.73 \text{ W}/(\text{m.K}) = 0.0173 \text{ W}/(\text{cm.K})$$

$$1 \text{ Btu-in}/(\text{hr}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^{\circ}\text{F}) = 0.144 \text{ W}/(\text{m.K})$$

$$\text{Microhm.cm} = 10^{-8} \text{ ohm.m}$$



## 1.0 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

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Future NASA and DoD spacecraft missions offer demanding challenges for advanced materials to satisfy mission performance and reliability requirements. For example, the beam expander metering structure for the Space Based Laser (SBL) spacecraft, and parabolic panels for Large Deployable Reflector Telescope will be required to maintain ultra-precision alignment and dimensional stability in the presence of dynamic and thermal disturbances. Conventional materials do not provide adequate specific stiffness and thermal response to maintain this level of precision. However, composite materials provide the necessary characteristics to produce light-weight and dimensionally stable structures because of their unique combination of high specific stiffness and low coefficient of thermal expansion (Ref 1-10).

Composites include both continuous and discontinuous reinforced organic matrix, metal matrix, ceramic matrix, and carbon/carbon (C/C) composite materials. Of the organic matrix composites, graphite/epoxy (Gr/E) has been used for various structural applications such as antenna support structures, waveguides, multi-horn feed support towers, and parabolic reflectors. Although, Gr/E composites have proven adequate in antenna applications to date, they are prone to microcracking during exposure to thermal cycling and radiation conditions encountered in the space environment (Ref 11-18). As a result of microdamage, the long term dimensional stability of the composites may be significantly reduced. For long-life space missions (10-20 years) and large high frequency antennas, the durability of these materials in the hostile space environment has been identified as a key material technology need. Therefore, damage resistant organic matrix composites and other composite materials are being developed for structures requiring long term dimensional stability.

Composite material development is an ongoing process. In some space applications such as precision pointing and optical bench structures, composites will provide an enabling technology



only to satisfy system performance requirements, while in others (e.g., Brilliant Pebbles, Submillimeter Explorer, Large Multiple Aperture Telescope, and Space Surveillance and Tracking System), they will provide cost savings and weight reduction. However, for composites to be utilized in the design of Strategic Defense system (SDS) spacecraft or other near term structural applications, data must be available to aid designers in performing preliminary design trade studies and assist in material selection efforts. In several Department of Defense (DoD) sponsored programs, mechanical and/or thermophysical property data of various composite systems (Ref 19-47) have been obtained at different stages of the material development. As the fabrication technology is nearing maturity, reliable and reproducible test data for State-of-the-Art (SOA) composites need to be generated using standardized or recommended test procedures (Ref 48-64). This data will facilitate the verification of analytical models that are used to predict properties. The accuracy of property prediction shall enable the assessment of performance of these materials during their operational life. In addition, there is a critical need to assess the reproducibility and reliability of materials using SOA non-destructive evaluation (NDE) techniques. After verifying the material property data and establishing the reliability of the components, the designers will be able to integrate composites into structural applications. The major thrust of this program was to generate a viable database of advanced composite material properties by utilizing a single contractor and implementing the same test methods and environments for composites considered under this program.

**In the overall program, extensive mechanical and thermophysical property tests of various SOA composites have been conducted, and a reliable database has been constructed for spacecraft material selection. The composites included Gr/E, graphite/thermoplastic (Gr/TP), carbon/thermoplastics (C/TP), discontinuous silicon carbide/aluminum (SiC/Al), graphite/aluminum (Gr/Al), graphite/magnesium (Gr/Mg), carbon/glass (C/GI), and C/C materials. Of the test methods, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standards were used whenever they were applicable. In the absence of an ASTM**

Standard, DoD/NASA, Thermophysical Property Research Laboratory (TPRL), Society of Advanced Composite Materials Association (SACMA) or Martin Marietta Astronautics Group recommended test methods were used.

During 1987 -1990, in this program, material property tests of different composites were conducted at room temperature ( RT). These results were documented in the NASA contractor report 187472 (August 1990) entitled "Composites Materials for Space Applications"(65). A copy of the summary of the test data is included in the Appendix A.

This report documents the results of mechanical and thermophysical property tests (in the present 1991 follow-on effort), of IM7/PEEK and discontinuous SiC/Al (both particulate (p) and whisker (w) reinforced) composites which were tested at three different temperatures: -150°, RT and 250° F to determine the effect of temperature on material properties. The specific material systems tested were as follows:

- IM7/PEEK [0]<sub>g</sub>;
- IM7/PEEK [0, ±45, 90]<sub>g</sub>;
- IM7/PEEK [±30, 0<sub>4</sub>]<sub>g</sub>;
- 25 volume percent (v/o) SiC<sub>p</sub>/Al; and;
- 25 v/o SiC<sub>w</sub>/Al.

Room temperature material property results of IM7/PEEK were in excellent agreement with the predicted values, providing a measure of consolidation integrity attained during fabrication. Results of mechanical property tests indicated that modulus values at each test temperature were identical, whereas the strength ( e.g. tensile, compressive, flexural and shear) values were the same at -150°F and RT, and gradually decreased as the test temperature was increased to 250° F. Similar trend in the strength values was also observed in discontinuous SiC/Al composites. Based on these results, the effect of temperature was more pronounced on the strength values as compared to the modulus values as compared

to the modulus values.

For the as-fabricated IM7/PEEK and discontinuous SiC/Al , the test results are discussed in detail in the chapters 2 and 3 respectively.

## **1.1 OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the program was to:

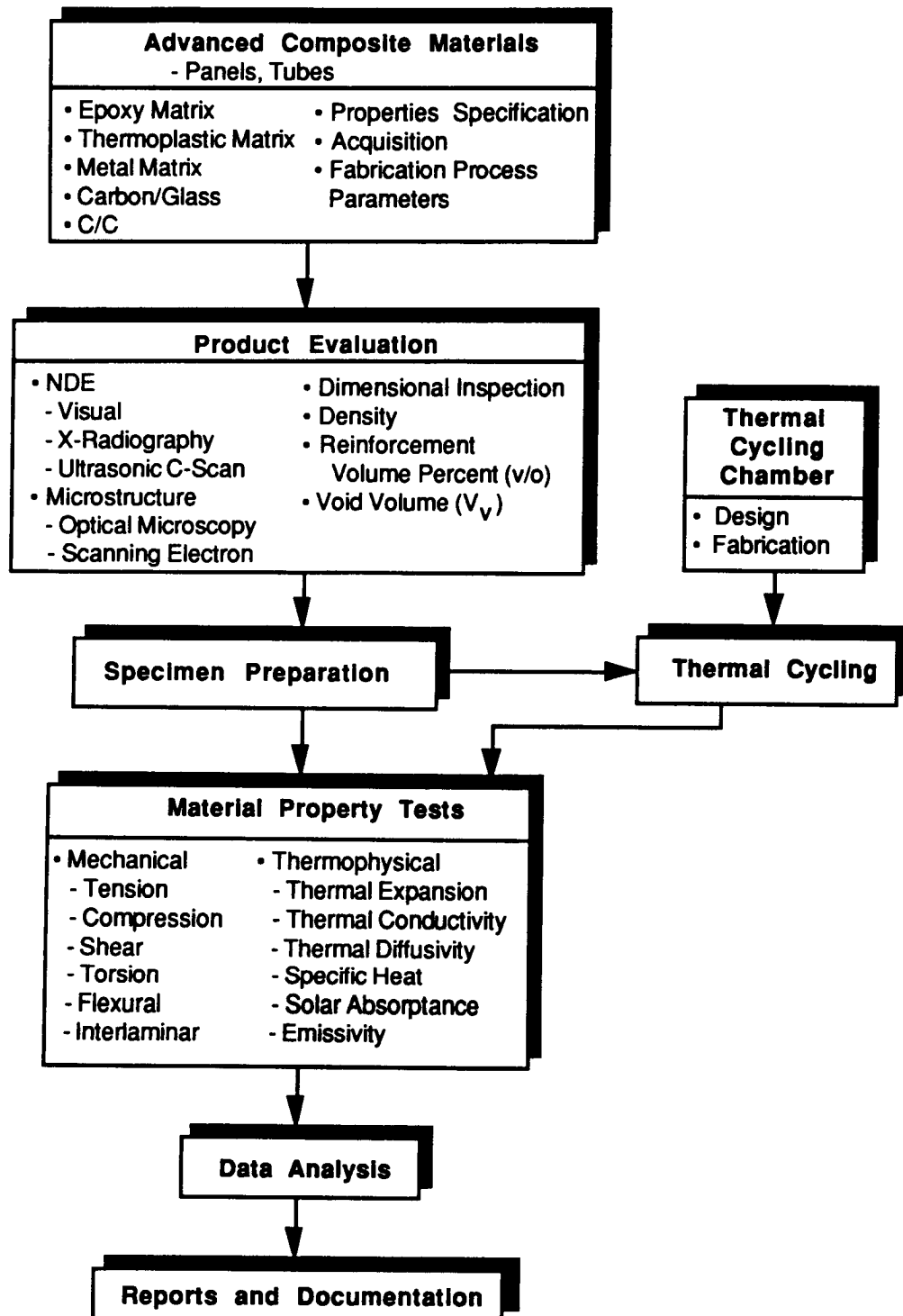
- Generate mechanical, thermal, and physical property test data for as-fabricated advanced composite materials at RT, -150° and 250° F.

## **1.2 PROGRAM PLAN**

Figure 1-1 shows a systematic test plan that was used to accomplish the program objectives. The plan included composite material acquisition, product evaluation, specimen preparation, material property tests, and data analysis. Of these tests, all physical and mechanical property measurements were conducted at Martin Marietta Astronautics Group, Denver, CO, thermal expansion measurements at Harrop Industries, Columbus, OH, and remaining thermal and electrical property tests were conducted at TPRL, IN. This report includes the test results of only as-fabricated composites. Later, several specimens will be thermal cycled between -150° and 150°F and the results of subsequent material property tests will be documented in a separate report.

## **1.3 TEST MATERIALS**

Table 1-1 lists the advanced composite materials that were obtained in the flat panel form from the major composite manufacturers and tested to obtain mechanical and thermophysical property data.



**Figure 1-1 Program Test Plan Flowchart**

**Table 1-1 List of Composite Materials Tested in This Program**

<b>Advanced Composites</b>	<b>Test Material</b> • Ply Orientation	<b>Form</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>
Continuously Reinforced Graphite/ Thermoplastic	<b>IM7/PEEK</b> • $[0]_8$ • $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$ • $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$	Flat Panel Flat Panel Flat Panel	ICI/Fiberite, AZ
Discontinuously Reinforced Metal Matrix Composites	25 $\text{SiC}_p$ /2124 Al-T6 25 $\text{SiC}_w$ /2124 Al-T6	Flat Panel Flat Panel	ACMC, SC ACMC, SC

In the case of IM7/PEEK flat lamina (unidirectional) panels were included to obtain the input material properties required for analytical modeling to predict laminate response. Also, the laminates were obtained with two types of ply orientation: quasi-isotropic  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$ , and  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$ . Both the silicon carbide particulate and whisker reinforced 2124-T6 aluminum ( $\text{SiC}_p$ /2124-T6 and  $\text{SiC}_w$ /2124-T6) flat panels were obtained from Advanced Composite Materials Corporation, SC (ACMC).

Typical composite panels were 12-in. x 12-in. from which about 50 specimens were carefully cut for microstructural evaluation, reinforcement volume analysis, mechanical and thermophysical property tests.

#### **1.4 EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES**

Each composite material was extensively characterized by NDE techniques to evaluate the product quality, dimensionally inspected to determine flatness/bow and wall thickness variation, and tested to determine mechanical and thermophysical properties. The test matrix for as-fabricated composites is listed in Table 1-2. A minimum of 5 specimens were used for each

mechanical property test. While the details of product evaluation and property tests for each composite are discussed in subsequent chapters, the experimental procedures and results are summarized below.

**Table 1-2 Test Matrix for Composite Materials**

Material Property Tests	IM7/PEEK [0] <sub>8</sub> [0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub> [±30, 0] <sub>4</sub> <sub>s</sub>			Dis. SiC/Al 25 v/o SiC <sub>p</sub> /Al 25 v/o SiC <sub>w</sub> /Al		
	-150°F	RT	250°F	-150°F	RT	250°F
<b><u>Mechanical Properties</u></b>						
• Tension (x, y)	10*	10	10	10		10
• Compression (x, y)	10	10	10	10		10
• Inplane Shear (x, y)	10	10	10	10		10
• Flexure (x, y)	10	10	10	10		10
• Interlaminar Shear (x, y)	10	10	10	10		10
<b><u>Thermophysical Properties</u></b>						
• CTE (x, y)		5				
• Specific Heat (C <sub>p</sub> )		5				
• Thermal Conductivity, K(x&y)		5				
• Thermal Diffusivity (D)		1				
• Electrical Resistivity (ρ <sub>e</sub> )		(5)				
• Emissivity (ε <sub>H</sub> )		3				
• Solar Absorptance (α <sub>s</sub> )		3				
<b><u>Miscellaneous</u></b>						
• Density		5				
• Fiber Volume & Porosity		5				
• Microstructure		3				
* (5 (x), 5 (y) specimens)						

#### 1.4.1 Product Evaluation

Comprehensive evaluation of each flat panel included:

- Fabrication data;
- Non-Destructive Evaluation;

- Dimensional Inspection;
- Microstructural Evaluation;
- Specific Gravity and Density; and
- Reinforcement Content.

Fabrication data was supplied by the manufacturer. The NDE techniques included visual examination to observe surface imperfections; X-radiography to assess fiber collimation, fiber breakage, voids or other defects; ultrasonic C-scanning to find delaminations and voids, and thermography to find delamination or voids. Microstructural evaluation using optical and scanning electron microscopy was used to reveal the consolidation quality, ply orientation, voids, microcracks and fiber-matrix distribution.

While NDE results and microstructures provided an adequate means to detect internal defects, the specific gravity, reinforcement volume percentage (v/o), and void volume (Vv) measurements also provided an assessment of the material or processing quality. The specific gravity and density of each composite was determined by the displacement method described in ASTM-D792. To determine the v/o, ASTM-D3171 test method was used for IM7/PEEK composites, and ASTM-D3553 method was used for metal matrix composites. The Vv in the IM7/PEEK was determined by the procedures described in ASTM-D2734.

The measured values of density, v/o, Vv, and ply thickness for each composite are listed in Table 1-3. These results of low void volume ( $\leq 0.8\%$ ) and uniform ply thickness indicated that the consolidation quality of the laminates was satisfactory.

#### **1.4.2 Test Methods**

After completing the product evaluation of each panel, the specimens were prepared for

**Table 1-3 Measured Density and Reinforcement Volume of Composite Materials**

Material	Density (lb/in <sup>3</sup> )			Reinforcement Volume (v/o)	Void Volume* V <sub>v</sub>	Ply Thickness (-ln)
	Matrix	Reinforcement	Composite			
<b>IM7/PEEK</b>						
• [0] <sub>8</sub>	0.046	0.0643	0.0571	62.5 (1.0)*	≤0.5	0.005
• [0,±45,90] <sub>s</sub>	0.046	0.0643	0.0571	62.0 (0.9)	≤0.5	0.005
• [±30,0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	0.046	0.0643	0.0571	62.0 (0.9)	≤0.5	0.005
<b>SIC<sub>p</sub>/Al</b>						
• 25 v/o						
<b>SIC<sub>w</sub>/Al</b>	0.098	0.134	0.104	25 (1.1)	≤0.1	N/A
• 25 v/o						
	0.098	0.134	0.104	25 (1.1)	≤0.1	N/A

\* Standard Deviation

mechanical and thermophysical property tests. From each panel the test specimens were cut with the 2-in. dia. diamond-coated band saw. Subsequently, edges of each specimens were polished to the final dimensions using 320 grit abrasive paper. On flat specimens for tension and compression tests, the fiber glass end tabs providing 15° taper near the gage length, were bonded using FM-300-2 adhesive which offered good bond strength at RT and ± 250°F. For each test either an ASTM standard or SACMA recommended method was used as listed in Table 1-4. The details of test method including specimen dimension, specimen configuration, and fixture designs are described in Appendix B.

## 1.5 MATERIAL PROPERTY TEST DATA SUMMARY

Figure 1-2 shows the composite axes used in the presentation of test data. For example, in a composite laminate with [0, ±45, 90]<sub>s</sub> layup, the elastic modulus in the longitudinal (i.e., along 0° ply) direction is abbreviated as E<sub>x</sub> (equivalently E<sub>1</sub>) and longitudinal tensile poisson ratios as ν<sub>xy</sub>.

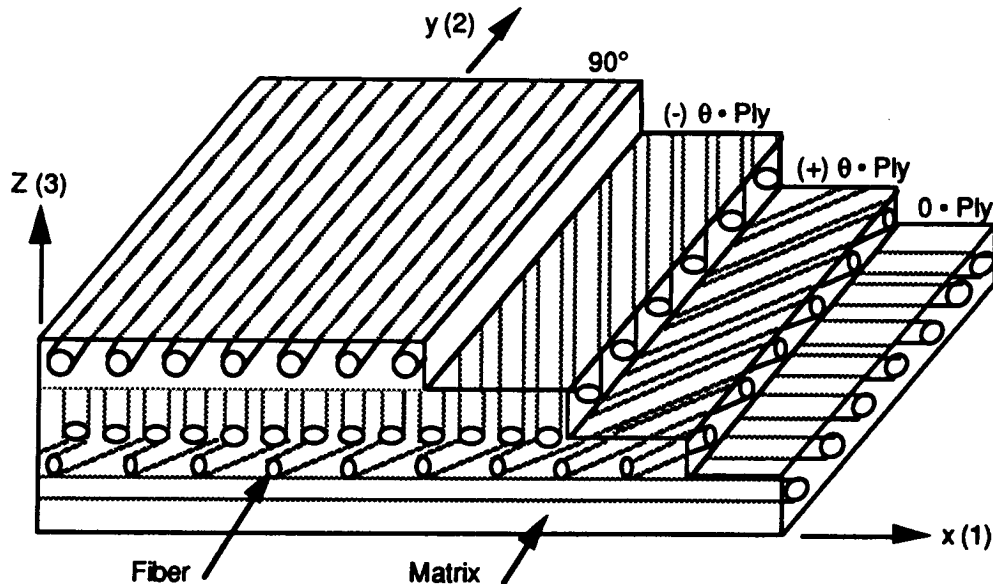


**Table 1-4 Test Methods for Composite Materials**

Material Property Tests	Test Methods †
<u>Mechanical</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tension (x, y)</li> <li>• Hoop</li> <li>• Compression (x,y)</li> <li>• Inplane Shear</li> <li>• Interlaminar Shear (Short Beam - 4 point bend)</li> <li>• Flexure Test</li> <li>• Torsion</li> </ul>	ASTM D-3552 (MMC, CMC, C-C) † ASTM D-3039 (OMC) NOL Ring Test ASTM D-3410 (Celanese Fixture) † Iosipescu Test ASTM-D-2344  ASTM D-790M-84 Designed Fixture
<u>Thermophysical Properties</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thermal Expansion (x,y)</li> <li>• Thermal Conductivity* (x,y)</li> <li>• Electrical Resistivity* (x,y)</li> <li>• Specific Heat*</li> <li>• Solar Absorptance</li> <li>• Hemispherical Emissivity*</li> <li>• Total Normal Emissivity</li> <li>• Thermal Diffusivity*</li> <li>• Density</li> <li>• Fiber Volume</li> </ul>	ASTM E-80/ASTM E-228 (Push Rod Dilatometer) Kohlrausch Method Kohlrausch Method ASTM E1269 ASTM E-903 ASTM C-835 ASTM E-408B Laser Flash ASTM D-792 ASTM D-3171 (OMC), D2734 ASTM D-3553 (MMC)

\* Tests were conducted at Thermophysical Properties Research Lab, Purdue Univ., West Lafayette, IN.

† Tension and compression tests of the tube specimens were performed by using a fixture and test method recommended for ASTM standards



**Figure 1-2 Composite Axes Used to Describe the Fiber Architecture and Test Direction**

The average mechanical and thermophysical properties of as-fabricated IM7/PEEK and 25 v/o SiC/2124 Al composites obtained from tests at -150°F, RT, and 250°F are summarized in Table 1-5 and details of these results are discussed in Chapters 2 and 3. Measured properties of the composites are in agreement with the values predicted from the simple rule of mixture (ROM) equations (Appendix C) and the laminate properties estimated by the computer analysis. Quantitative comparison for each composite system are presented in respective chapters. In the modulus and strength measurements, the coefficient of variation (CV) is less than 6%, whereas in Poisson ratio measurements the CV is about 12%. This level of scatter is reasonable to expect in SOA composites. Of the various tests, in general compressive property measurements indicated more scatter in the data than other mechanical and thermophysical property tests. The extent of scatter in compressive properties can be attributed both to the test method (Celanese compression - using 0.5 in. gauge length) and to inherent material response.

Overall, the reasonable agreement between the measured and predicted properties (e.g.,  $E_x^T$ ,  $\sigma_x^T$ ,  $CTE_x$ )(Table 1-6) and low CV indicated that SOA composites have adequate consolidation quality. The predicted values were obtained by using the general laminate (GENLAM) analysis code. Table 1-6 shows that the measured longitudinal CTE values are in nearly perfect agreement with the predicted CTE values. Of the measured modulus values, the tensile modulus for IM7/PEEK  $[0]_8$  and  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_8$  is about 90% of the predicted values, and 80% of the predicted value for  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_8$  layup. In each case the measured tensile strength values are in complete agreement with the expected strength values.

The effect of temperature on tensile modulus and strength for IM7/PEEK composites is shown in Figures 1-3 and 1-4 respectively. At -150°F, RT, and 250°F the measured modulus values are nearly the same, indicating that fiber dominated property such as modulus are not affected by temperature over this range. Whereas, Figure 1-3 shows that matrix dominated property such as strength gradually decreases as the temperature increases to 250°F (Glass Transition temperature for PEEK:  $T_g = 290^\circ\text{F}$ ). In the case of discontinuous SiC/Al (Table 1-7) measured modulus

**Table 1-5 As-Fabricated IM7/PEEK Tested at -150°F, RT and 250°F**

Material Property		Gr/TP: IM7/PEEK [0]g			Gr/TP: IM7/PEEK [0, ±45, 90]s			Gr/TP: IM7/PEEK [±30, 0]s		
		ρ	lb/in <sup>3</sup>							
Density										
Fiber Volume Fraction	$V_f$									
Nominal Ply Thickness	$t$	in.								
Max. Continuous Use Temp.	$T$	°F								
Test Temperature		°F								
Longitudinal Tensile Strength	$\sigma_x^{TU}$	ksi								
Transverse Tensile Strength	$\sigma_y^{TU}$	ksi								
Longitudinal Comp. Strength	$\sigma_x^{CU}$	ksi								
Transverse Comp. Strength	$\sigma_y^{CU}$	ksi								
In-Plane Shear Strength	IPSS	ksi								
Interlaminar Shear Strength	ILSS	ksi								
Longitudinal Tensile Strain **	$\epsilon_x^T$	%								
Transverse Tensile Strain **	$\epsilon_y^T$	%								
Longitudinal Comp. Strain **	$\epsilon_x^C$	%								
Transverse Comp. Strain **	$\epsilon_y^C$	%								
Longitudinal Tensile Modulus	$E_x$	Msi								
Transverse Tensile Modulus	$E_y$	Msi								
Longitudinal Comp Modulus	$E_x$	Msi								
Transverse Comp Modulus	$E_y$	Msi								
In-Plane Shear Modulus	G	Msi								
Longitudinal Flexural Modulus	$F_x$	Msi								
Transverse Flexural Modulus	$F_y$	Msi								
Long. Tensile Poisson's Ratio	$\nu_{xy}$	---								
Trans. Tensile Poisson's Ratio	$\nu_{yx}$	---								
Long. Thermal Conductivity	$K_x$	(1)								
Trans. Thermal Conductivity	$K_y$	(1)								
Thru Thickness thermal Cond.	$K_z$	(1)								
Specific Heat	Cp	(2)								
Longitudinal CTE	$\alpha_x$	(3)								
Transverse CTE	$\alpha_y$	(3)								
Through Thickness CTE	$\alpha_z$	(3)								

\*\* Strain to failure (1) Btu/(hr·in·°F) (2) Btu/lb·°F (3)  $\mu\text{in/in}^\circ\text{F}$

**Table 1-5 As-fabricated 25 v/o SiC<sub>p</sub>/2124 Al Tested at -150°F, RT and 250°F**

Material Property			MMC: SiC <sub>p</sub> /2124 Al			MMC: SiC <sub>w</sub> /2124 Al		
Density	$\rho$	lb/in <sup>3</sup>		0.104			0.104	
Fiber Volume Fraction	$V_f$			0.25			0.25	
Max. Continuous Use Temp.	T	°F		550			550	
Test Temperature		°F	-150°F	RT*	250°F	-150°F	RT*	250°F
Longitudinal Tensile Strength	$\sigma_x^{TU}$	ksi	92.66	84.5	79.89	108.8	102.0	93.02
Transverse Tensile Strength	$\sigma_y^{TU}$	ksi	91.42	77.5	73.97	94.16	97.4	76.0
Longitudinal Comp. Strength	$\sigma_x^{CU}$	ksi	109.7	80.8	73.16	106.56	102.5	81.28
Transverse Comp. Strength	$\sigma_y^{CU}$	ksi	109.4	75.8	72.44	102.18	91.0	67.11
In-Plane Shear Strength	IPSS	ksi	34.31	39.54	47.91	48.2	44.0	46.3
Interlaminar Shear Strength	ILSS	ksi	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Longitudinal Tensile Strain **	$\epsilon_x^T$	%		1.258			1.62	
Transverse Tensile Strain **	$\epsilon_y^T$	%		1.18			1.83	
Longitudinal Comp. Strain **	$\epsilon_x^C$	%		0.618			1.11	
Transverse Comp. Strain **	$\epsilon_y^C$	%		0.620			1.26	
Longitudinal Tensile Modulus	$E_x$	Msi	16.75	16.64	15.58	17.21	17.6	17.67
Transverse Tensile Modulus	$E_y$	Msi	16.12	17.0	15.65	17.03	16.42	15.31
Longitudinal Comp Modulus	$E_x$	Msi	17.42	18.5	16.16	17.57	18.15	17.33
Transverse Comp Modulus	$E_y$	Msi	16.28	17.9	15.78	17.44	16.5	14.61
In-Plane Shear Modulus	G	Msi	6.0	5.94	5.03	6.19	5.40	5.23
Longitudinal Flexural Modulus	$F_x$	Msi	16.76	13.51	16.45	17.59	13.1	17.2
Transverse Flexural Modulus	$F_y$	Msi	16.44	13.02	16.82	17.0	11.8	16.75
Long. Tensile Poisson's Ratio	$\nu_{xy}$	---	0.297	0.267	0.269	0.298	0.2934	0.295
Trans. Tensile Poisson's Ratio	$\nu_{yx}$	---	0.289	0.279	0.261	0.297	0.2717	0.256
Long. Thermal Conductivity	$K_x$	(1)	3.373	5.740	6.486		4.87	
Trans. Thermal Conductivity	$K_y$	(1)	3.3026	5.6116	6.111		4.71	
Thru Thickness Thermal Cond.	$K_z$	(1)					4.57	
Specific Heat	Cp	(2)	0.123	0.1984	0.243		0.199	
Longitudinal CTE	$\alpha_x$	(3)		8.16			8.03	
Transverse CTE	$\alpha_y$	(3)		7.86			7.77	
Through Thickness CTE	$\alpha_z$	(3)						

\* RT test panels (0.040-in. thick) were from a different batch than the -150°F and 250°F test panels (0.06-in. thick)

\*\* Strain to failure

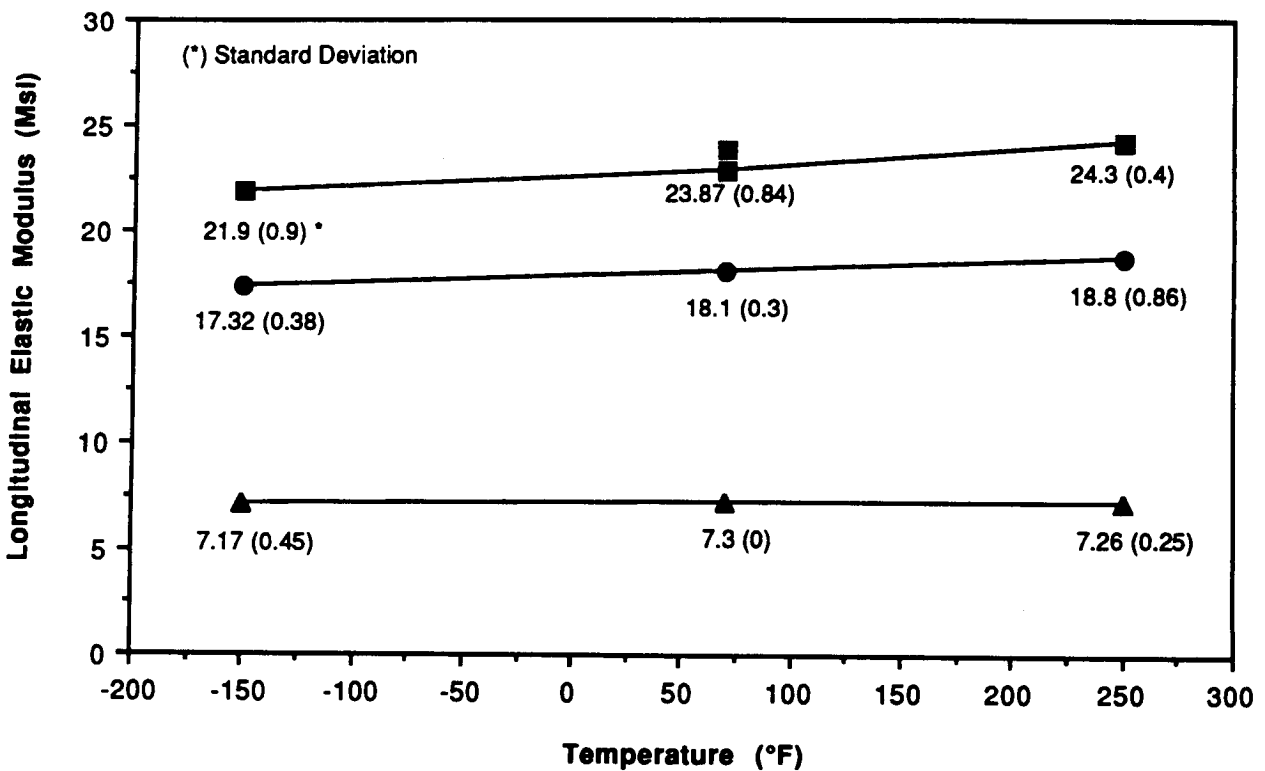
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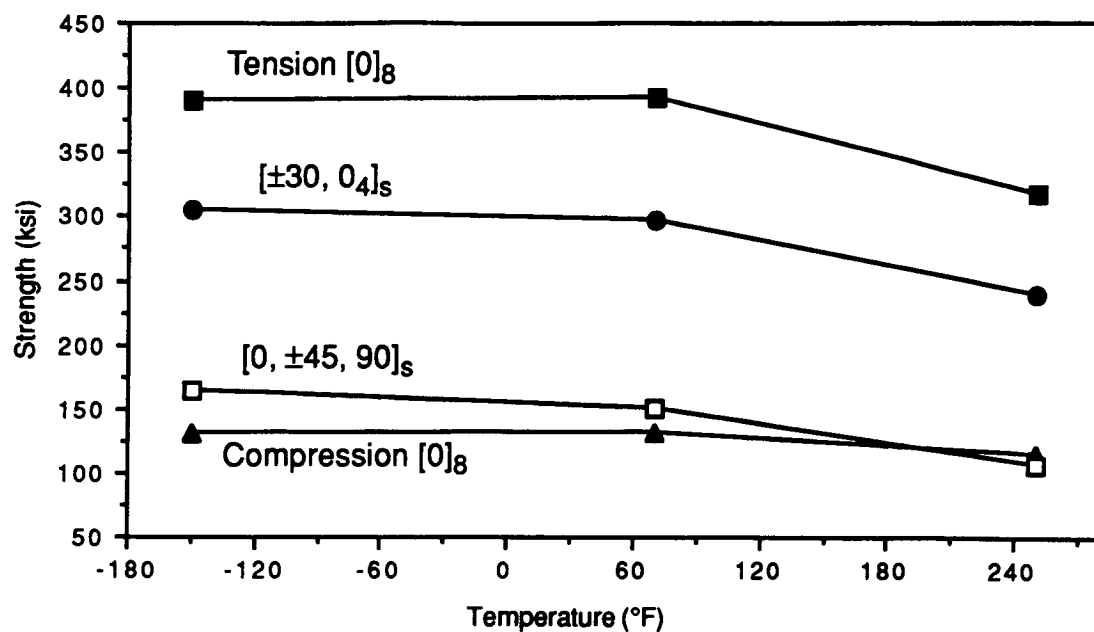
**Table 1-6 Comparison of Measured and Predicted Properties of Selected Composite Materials at RT**

COMPOSITE	$E_x^T$ (Msi)		CTE <sub>L</sub> (ppm/°F)		$\sigma_x^T$ (ksi)	
	MEASURED	PREDICTED	MEASURED	PREDICTED	MEASURED	PREDICTED
IM7/PEEK						
[0] <sub>8</sub>	23.87	25.8	-0.07	-0.1	391.3	392
0, ±45, 90 <sub>s</sub>	7.3	9.4	1.27	1.27	134.8	139
[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	18.1	19.8	-0.62	-0.63	297.4	303
25 v/o SiC/Al	16.64	16.8	8.16	8.56	—	—



**Figure 1-3 Effect of Temperature on the Longitudinal Elastic Modulus of IM7/PEEK**

values were also nearly the same at each test temperature (i.e., -150°, RT, and 250°F) but the ultimate strength slightly decreased with increasing temperature (e.g., for 25 v/o SiC<sub>p</sub>/Al, UTS = 92.66 ksi @ -150°F, and UTS = 73.89 ksi @ 250°F in manner similar to the 2124 Al matrix.



**Figure 1-4 Effect of Temperature on the Ultimate Strength of IM7/PEEK**

**Table 1-7 Effect of Temperature on Tensile Modulus and Strength of Discontinuous SiC/Al**

Properties	25 v/o SiCp/Al at			25 v/o SiCw/Al at		
	-150°F	RT*	250°F	-150°F	RT*	250°F
E (Msi)	16.75	16.64	15.58	17.21	17.6	17.67
UTS (ksi)	92.66	84.5	73.89	108.8	102.0	93.02
0.2% Ys (ksi)	73.67	70.44	63.65	78.61	76.2	72.59

\* RT values from a different batch of composite material (65)

## 1.6 CONCLUDING REMARKS

Although extensive material property data of several composites exist, use of this data in structural design efforts is severely limited due to lack of standardized test methods and procedures, and the large number of organizations reporting only limited data. In response to these needs, the current program was designed to generate a viable database of advanced composite material properties by utilizing a single contractor and implementing the same test methods and environments for the composites considered. This database, although limited, should prove extremely valuable to spacecraft designers for preliminary material trade-off studies. The test data generated in this program ( listed in Appendix A, and chapters 2 and 3) provides the typical material properties of SOA composites. The results of the as-fabricated (and also thermal cycled composites) have been included in the "Strategic Defense System (SDS) Spacecraft Structural Composite Materials Selection Guide" prepared by Ketema, Inc., Composite Materials Division, CA (Ref 21). While extensive data has been generated in this technical effort, a large number of specimens from different production batches should be tested before and after thermal cycling to build confidence in the reproducibility and reliability of composite material properties.

## 2.0 GRAPHITE/THERMOPLASTIC: IM7/PEEK

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A high performance graphite/thermoplastic composite, IM7/PEEK, is being developed for spacecraft structural applications. Therefore, flat panels with the following fiber layups:

- (1)  $[0]_8$ : Unidirectional;
- (2)  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$ : Quasi-isotropic (QI); and
- (3)  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$ : Laminate

were procured for material property characterization. The  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$  layup was selected to obtain near zero CTE in the laminate, therefore it has also been referred to as zero CTE laminate in the report (65). The fabrication data, and the results of product evaluation, mechanical, and thermophysical property tests of these materials are discussed in this chapter.

### 2.1 IM7/PEEK $[0]_8$ FLAT PANELS

#### 2.1.1 Fabrication Data:

Material System:	IM7/PEEK
Fiber Layup:	$[0]_8$
Manufacturer:	Fiberite/ICI, AZ
Prepreg Source:	Fiberite/ICI, AZ
Martin Marietta ID#:	(CK)(SU)(AP)
Fiberite Code No.:	12736 P1-P5
Fabrication Process:	ICI-Fiberite autoclave cycle C-29

All panels were consolidated in a platen press at 735°F under an applied pressure of 100 psi for 20 min. The panels were cooled down at  $\geq 13^\circ\text{F}/\text{minute}$  while the 100 psi pressure was maintained until below 200°F. Full vacuum was maintained throughout consolidation cycle.



Condition: as-fabricated  
Dimensions: 12-in. x 12-in. x 0.040-in.  
Ply Thickness: 0.005-in.

Nominal Fiber weight/area  
per ply: 145 gm/m<sup>2</sup>  
Nominal Resin Content/ply: 32 weight%  
Roll Numbers: 31

### 2.1.2 Product Evaluation

(a) Density:

IM7 Fiber: 0.0643 lb/in<sup>3</sup> (1.78 gm/cm<sup>3</sup>)  
PEEK : 0.046 lb/in<sup>3</sup> (1.28 gm/cm<sup>3</sup>)  
IM7/PEEK: 0.0571 lb/in<sup>3</sup> (1.58 gm/cm<sup>3</sup>)

(b) Fiber Volume:

Fiber Volume (v/o): 62.0%  
Std. Dev: 0.6%  
Void Volume (% Vv): ≤0.4%

(c) Non-Destructive Evaluation

Visual, X-radiographic and ultrasonic techniques were used to inspect all IM7/PEEK [0]<sub>8</sub> flat panels. Each panel appeared to be of good quality without any surface imperfections. X-

radiographic inspection examination revealed that fiber collimation was excellent. Typical ultrasonic C-scans of a  $[0]_8$  panels are shown in Figure 2.1-1. Ultrasonic C-scan showed no major defect such as cracks or delaminations except one or two air-bubble sites on the entire panel.

(d) Microstructure

Longitudinal and transverse microstructures of IM7/PEEK  $[0]_8$  lamina are shown in Figure 2.1-2(a) and (b). Each photomicrograph shows that the overall fiber matrix distribution is uniform and fibers are aligned along the longitudinal direction.

### 2.1.3 Mechanical Properties

(a) Tension

Prior to testing the longitudinal specimens, computer analysis was performed to determine the predicted mechanical properties. Based on this analysis:

$$E_L = 25.8 \text{ Msi}$$

$$\text{Ultimate Tensile Strength} = 392 \text{ ksi}$$

From the  $[0]_8$  plates, tensile test specimens (10-in. long x 0.5-in. wide x 0.040-in. thick) were prepared in accordance with ASTM D-3039. Preliminary tests of this high strength composite indicated the critical need for obtaining adequate adhesive bond strength by selecting optimum surface preparation techniques, bonded area and adhesives. The end tabs were bonded using the FM-300-2 adhesive (bond line thickness 0.005-in.) because it offered good bond strength at RT, and  $\pm 250^\circ\text{F}$ . In these preliminary tests, IM7/PEEK  $[0]_8$  specimens exhibited elastic modulus values between 23.5 and 25.5 Msi, and strength values between 300 and 392 ksi. But a few of

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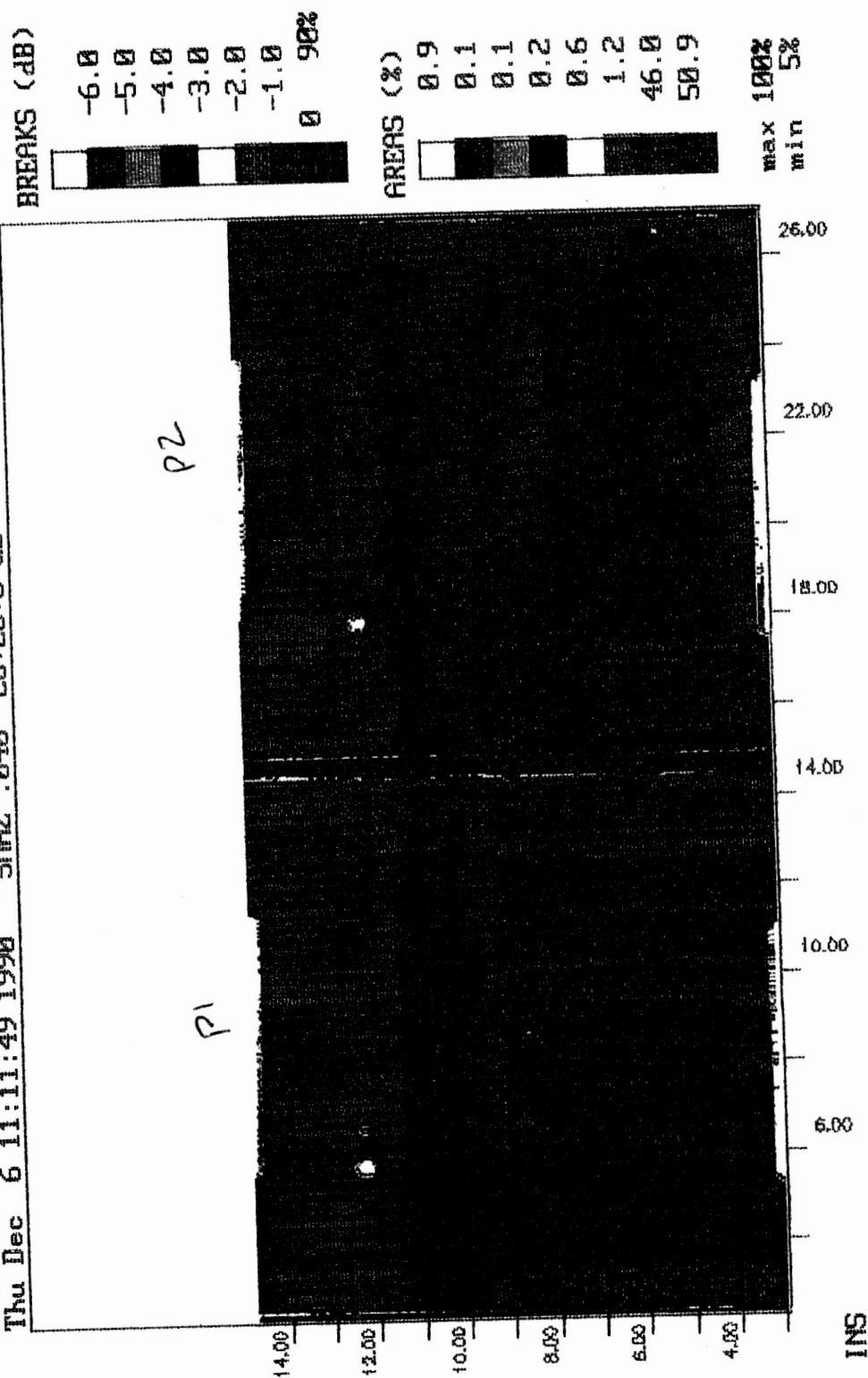
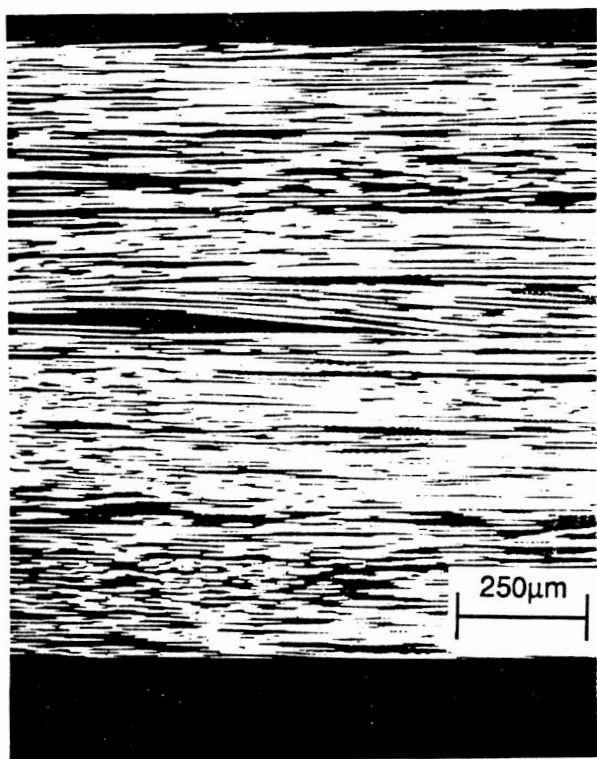
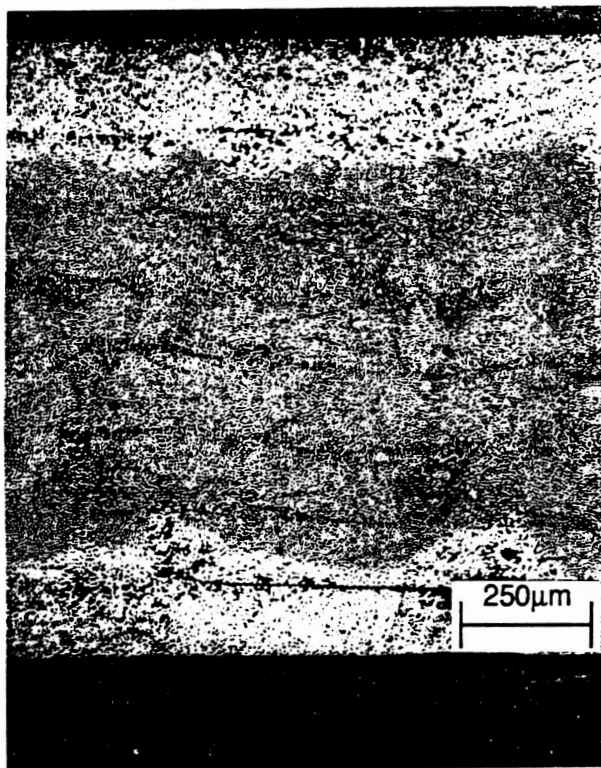


Figure 2.1-1 Ultrasonic C-Scans of IM7/PEEK [0]<sub>8</sub> Panels Showing No Defects



(a) Longitudinal



(b) Transverse

**Figure 2.1-2 Photomicrographs of IM7/PEEK [0]<sub>8</sub> Showing Uniform Fiber/Matrix Distribution**

these specimens exhibited adhesive failure at the end tab/specimen interface at the test load levels (  $\approx$  380 ksi), thus making it difficult to determine the ultimate tensile strength. To minimize this adhesive failure, test specimens were prepared from a thinner (0.025-in.) [0]<sub>s</sub> panel with the uniform bond line thickness of 0.005-in.

Each specimen exhibited tensile failure within the gage length region and reproducible data was obtained at different test temperatures: -150°F, RT, and 250°F . Typical stress-strain response of each specimen exhibited linear elastic behavior until failure. Results of these longitudinal tensile tests are listed in Table 2.1-1. At RT, the measured elastic modulus of 23.87 Msi and ultimate strength of 391.27 ksi were in excellent agreement with the predicted modulus value of 25.8 Msi and strength value of 392 ksi. Also, these results indicate that the average elastic modulus value at each test temperature was 23.35 Msi (Std. Dev. 1.27) with a 5.4% coefficient of variation. Measured ultimate strength values at -150°F and RT were 391 and 389 ksi respectively, however at 250°F strength decreased to about 318 ksi. Measured strain to failure at RT was 1.6% and Poisson ratio was 0.26 - 0.33. Results of transverse tensile properties are listed in Table 2.1-2, indicating an average modulus of 1.4 Msi and 10.5 ksi strength.

#### (b) Compression

Longitudinal and transverse compressive properties of unidirectional IM7/PEEK are listed in Table 2.1-3 and 2.1-4 respectively. At room temperature, the average longitudinal modulus value was about 9% lower than the tensile modulus, and the ultimate compressive strength was nearly 40% of the tensile strength. The compressive stress-strain curves showed non-linear response beyond 0.3 - 0.4% strain level, with a typical strain to failure value of 1.35%. At 250°F measured compressive strength was 105 ksi compared to 146.8 ksi at RT and 163 ksi at -150°F.

**Table 2.1-1 Longitudinal Tensile Properties of IM7/PEEK [0]<sub>g</sub> at Different Test Temperatures**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (CK) (SU) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^T$ (Msi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
TNL-1a	22.36	398.90	0.27
TNL-2a	22.73	394.30	0.30
TNL-3a	20.37	381.00	0.29
TNL-4	22.48	390.00	0.32
TNL-5	21.56	381.00	—
Mean Value	21.90	389.04	0.295
Std. Dev.	0.90	7.98	0.02
CV (%)	4.10	2.05	6.78

(b) at RT

Specimen # (CK) (SU) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^T$ (Msi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
TNL-11	23.61	392.84	0.26
TNL-12	26.97	394.87	---
TNL-13	22.52	382.54	0.28
TNL-14	22.42	398.35	---
TNL-15	23.83	387.76	0.33
Mean Value	23.87	391.27	0.289
Std. Dev.	1.84	6.20	0.035
CV (%)	7.70	1.60	12.20

(c) at +250°F

Specimen # (CK) (SU) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^T$ (Msi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
TNL-6	—	308.00	—
TNL-7	24.4	336.00	0.250
TNL-8	24.5	307.00	0.250
TNL-9	23.7	336.00	0.320
TNL-10	24.6	303.60	0.290
Mean Value	24.3	318.10	0.276
Std. Dev.	0.4	16.41	0.035
CV (%)	1.7	5.17	12.500

**Table 2.1-2 Transverse Tensile Properties of IM7/PEEK [0]<sub>8</sub> at Different Test Temperatures**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (CK) (SU) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_y^T$ (Msi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
TNL-1	1.400	11.50	0.019
TNL-2	1.500	10.60	0.020
TNL-3	1.480	11.14	0.015
TNL-4	—	—	—
TNL-5	—	—	—
Mean Value	1.46	11.08	0.018
Std. Dev.	0.0530	0.45	0.003
CV (%)	3.600	4.06	14.400

(b) at RT

Specimen # (CK) (SU) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_y^T$ (Msi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
TNL-11	—	—	—
TNL-12	—	—	—
TNL-13	1.3	10.9	0.020
TNL-14	1.5	11.1	0.020
TNL-15	1.3	11.1	0.020
Mean Value	1.4	10.5	0.020
Std. Dev.	0.1	1.20	0.000
CV (%)	8.5	11.30	0.000

(c) at +250°F

Specimen # (CK) (SU) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_y^T$ (Msi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
TNL-6	1.10	8.90	0.020
TNL-7	1.20	8.91	0.016
TNL-8	—	—	—
TNL-9	1.20	9.20	0.012
TNL-10	1.20	9.10	0.016
Mean Value	1.18	9.03	0.016
Std. Dev.	0.05	0.147	0.003
CV (%)	4.24	1.63	18.700

**Table 2.1-3 Longitudinal Compressive Properties of IM7/PEEK [0]<sub>8</sub>**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (CK) (SU) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^C$ (Msi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
CML-1	23.25	163.8	0.420
CML-2	23.91	183.3	0.390
CML-3	20.19	161.1	0.350
CML-4	23.40	171.1	0.460
CML-5	21.89	138.4	0.390
Mean Value	22.53	163.6	0.402
Std. Dev.	1.50	16.5	0.041
CV (%)	6.70	10.1	10.200

(b) at RT

Specimen # (CK) (SU) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^C$ (Msi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
CML-11	21.9	149.3	0.330
CML-12	22.9	140.6	0.340
CML-13	23.5	142.0	0.280
CML-14	22.7	152.6	0.330
CML-15	23.0	149.8	0.300
Mean Value	22.8	146.8	0.320
Std. Dev.	0.6	5.	0.030
CV (%)	2.5	3.60	8.300

(c) at +250°F

Specimen # (CK) (SU) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^C$ (Msi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
CML-6	20.11	119.6	0.350
CML-7	24.50	123.6	0.320
CML-8	18.58	90.1	0.340
CML-9	19.68	107.6	0.330
CML-10	25.79	85.1	0.380
Mean Value	21.72	105.2	0.340
Std. Dev.	3.21	17.2	0.020
CV (%)	14.80	16.4	6.800



**Table 2.1-4 Transverse Compressive Properties of IM7/PEEK [0]<sub>8</sub>**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (CK) (SU) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_y^C$ (Msi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
CMT-1	1.62	25.44	0.008
CMT-2	1.60	29.93	0.010
CMT-3	1.30	23.05	0.009
CMT-4	1.14	24.48	0.010
CMT-5	1.41	26.38	0.007
Mean Value	1.41	25.86	0.009
Std. Dev.	0.20	2.59	0.001
CV (%)	14.10	10.00	14.400

(b) at RT

Specimen # (CK) (SU) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_y^C$ (Msi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
CMT-11	—	—	—
CMT-12	1.2	14.4	0.007
CMT-13	1.4	17.9	0.005
CMT-14	1.6	19.8	—
CMT-15	1.3	19.3	0.008
Mean Value	1.4	17.8	0.007
Std. Dev.	0.2	2.4	0.001
CV (%)	12.3	13.6	19.100

(c) at +250°F

Specimen # (CK) (SU) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_y^C$ (Msi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
CMT-6	—	14.2	—
CMT-7	1.140	11.6	0.010
CMT-8	1.100	11.5	0.010
CMT-9	1.310	12.5	0.010
CMT-10	1.350	12.0	0.010
Mean Value	1.220	12.3	0.010
Std. Dev.	0.012	1.1	0.00
CV (%)	9.800	8.8	0.000

(c) Flexure

Longitudinal and transverse flexural modulus and strength values of unidirectional IM7/PEEK determined by 4-point bend tests are listed in Table 2.1-5. As expected, these results showed that the longitudinal flexural modulus (23.13 Msi) and strength (286.63 ksi) were significantly higher than the transverse flexural modulus (1.32 Msi) and strength (19.86 ksi) values.

**Table 2.1-5 Four Point Bend Flexure Test Results of IM7/PEEK [0]<sub>8</sub> at RT**

Specimen # (CK)(SU)(AP)	Longitudinal Flexural		Specimen # (CK)(SU)(AP)	Transverse Flexural	
	Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)		Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)
FXL-1	23.11	279.50	FXT-1	1.35	21.10
FXL-2	21.77	257.90	FXT-2	1.32	19.10
FXL-3	21.99	260.20	FXT-3	1.31	19.50
FXL-4	24.45	331.90	FXT-4	1.35	19.10
FXL-5	24.36	303.60	FXT-5	1.27	20.50
Mean	23.13	286.63	Mean	1.32	19.86
Std. Dev.	1.26	31.25	Std. Dev.	0.03	0.89
CV (%)	5.50	10.90	CV (%)	2.50	4.50

(d) Inplane Shear

Longitudinal and transverse shear modulus and strength values obtained by losipescu shear test method are listed in Table 2.1-6. These results indicate an average longitudinal shear modulus of 1.12, 1.08 and 0.80 Msi at RT, -150°F, and 250°F respectively. Based on these measurements, shear strength gradually decreased with increasing temperatures: 23.85 ksi at -150°F, 19.18 ksi at RT and 9.00 ksi at 250°F.

**Table 2.1-6 Inplane Shear Properties of IM7/PEEK [0]<sub>8</sub>**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (CK)(SU)(AP)	Longitudinal Shear		Specimen # (CK)(SU)(AP)	Transverse Shear	
	Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)		Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)
IPL-1	1.08	24.02	IPT-1	0.73	17.46
IPL-2	1.34	25.00	IPT-2	0.88	17.50
IPL-3	0.95	23.38	IPT-3	0.78	16.17
IPL-4	0.93	23.02	IPT-4	0.74	14.86
IPL-5	—	—	IPT-5	—	—
Mean	1.08	23.85	Mean	0.78	16.49
Std. Dev.	0.19	0.87	Std. Dev.	0.068	1.25
CV (%)	17.60	3.60	CV (%)	8.70	7.58

(b) at RT

Specimen # (CK)(SU)(AP)	Longitudinal Shear		Specimen # (CK)(SU)(AP)	Transverse Shear	
	Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)		Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)
IPL-11	1.06	—	IPT-11	0.650	11.5
IPL-12	1.16	19.70	IPT-12	0.690	12.3
IPL-13	1.14	18.20	IPT-13	0.696	11.4
IPL-14	1.06	18.60	IPT-14	0.655	11.2
IPL-15	1.16	20.20	IPT-15	0.646	12.1
Mean	1.12	19.18	Mean	0.666	11.7
Std. Dev.	0.05	0.93	Std. Dev.	0.022	0.7
CV (%)	4.48	4.80	CV (%)	3.300	5.6

(c) at 250°F

Specimen # (CK)(SU)(AP)	Longitudinal Shear		Specimen # (CK)(SU)(AP)	Transverse Shear	
	Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)		Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)
IPL-6	0.840	7.88	IPT-6	0.50	7.58
IPL-7	0.800	9.19	IPT-7	0.60	7.85
IPL-8	0.830	9.27	IPT-8	0.52	8.31
IPL-9	0.810	9.23	IPT-9	0.46	8.09
IPL-10	0.740	9.42	IPT-10	0.49	7.85
Mean	0.800	9.00	Mean	0.51	7.94
Std. Dev.	0.042	0.63	Std. Dev.	0.04	0.27
CV (%)	5.230	7.0	CV (%)	8.80	3.49

(e) Interlaminar Shear Strength

The apparent interlaminar shear strength values of unidirectional IM7/PEEK specimens determined by short beam shear (three point bend) tests are listed in Table 2.1-7. Optical microscopic examination of the 0.5-in. specimens indicated that failure was primarily interlaminar shear.

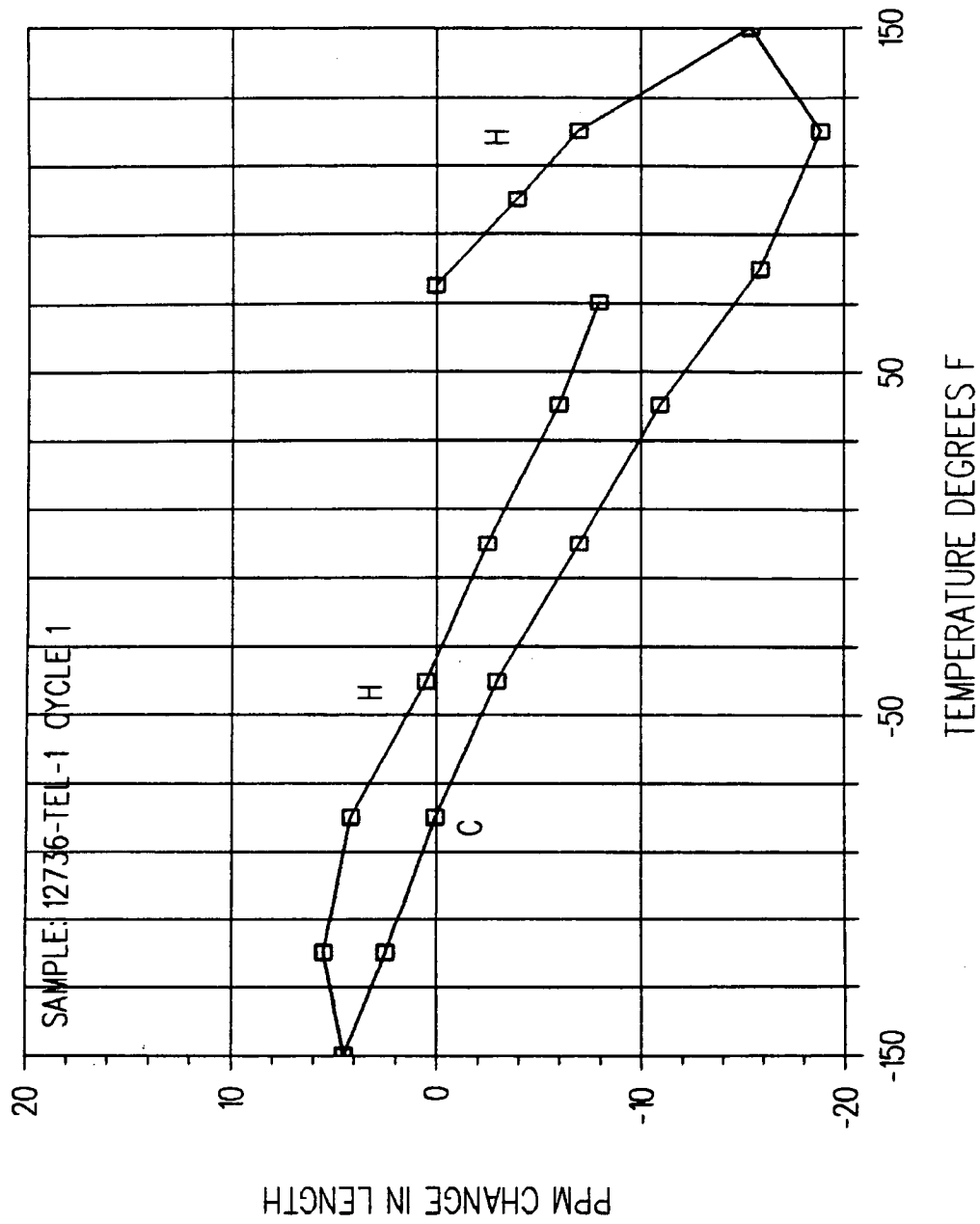
**Table 2.1-7 Interlaminar Shear Strength of IM7/PEEK at RT**

IM7/PEEK: Unidirectional [0] <sub>8</sub>	
Specimen # (CK)(SU)(AP)	ILSS (ksi) Longitudinal)
IL-1	15.46
IL-2	15.26
IL-3	15.88
IL-4	15.19
IL-5	15.14
Mean	15.39
Std. Dev.	0.30
CV (%)	1.95

**2.1.4 Thermophysical Properties**

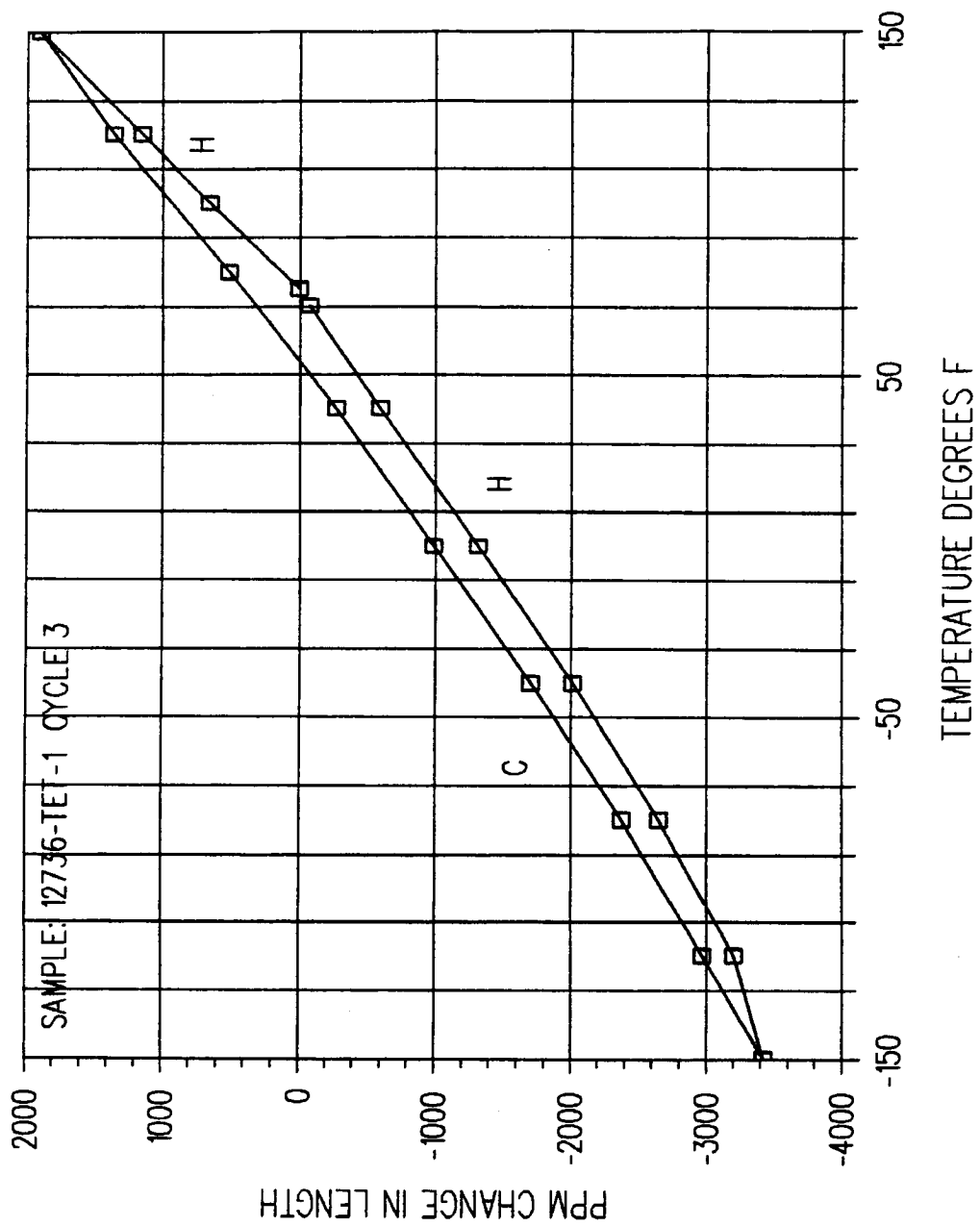
(a) Coefficient of Thermal Expansion

Thermal expansion response of IM7 [0]<sub>8</sub> specimens was determined by push-rod-dilatometer (PRD) method (Appendix B) in a heat-cool-heat cycle between -150° and 150°F. The thermal strain sensitivity of PRD method is about 10 ppm. For the first cycle, typical thermal expansion behavior of longitudinal and transverse specimens is shown in Figures 2.1-3 and 2.1-4 respectively. From this first cycle response, the average CTE was obtained as the slope of the



HEAT-COOL-HEAT, 5 MIN. HOLD @ POINTS

**Figure 2.1-3 Longitudinal Thermal Expansion Response of IM7/PEEK [0]<sub>8</sub>, v/o = 62.0%, Obtained With a Push Rod Dilatometer**



HEAT-COOL-HEAT, 5 MIN. HOLD @ POINTS

**Figure 2.1-3 Transverse Thermal Expansion Response of IM7/PEEK [0]<sub>g</sub>, v/o = 62.5%, Obtained With a Push Rod Dilatometer**

line connecting the strain values at temperature extremes ( $\pm 150^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). The average longitudinal CTE value of  $-0.07 \text{ ppm}/^{\circ}\text{F}$  is in good agreement with the predicted value of  $-0.1 \text{ ppm}/^{\circ}\text{F}$  and measured transverse CTE value of  $17.42 \text{ ppm}/^{\circ}\text{F}$  is in good agreement with the predicted value of  $16.6 \text{ ppm}/^{\circ}\text{F}$ . These CTE results are summarized below.

	Longitudinal $[0]_g$	Transverse $[0]_g$
CTE ( $\text{ppm}/^{\circ}\text{F}$ )	-0.07	17.42
RT Hysteresis (ppm)	-15.92	613
Residual Strain (ppm)	-7.96	-255.78

(b) Specific Heat, Thermal Diffusivity and Thermal Conductivity

The thermophysical property test results of IM7/PEEK specimens for  $[0]_g$  are listed in Table 2.1-8 (Longitudinal), Table 2.1-9 (Transverse) and Table 2.1-10 (through-the-thickness) respectively. The specific heat ( $C_p$ ) values at different temperatures are as follows:

	Cp ( $\text{Ws gm}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$ )	
IM7/PEEK $[0]_g$ :	at RT	0.8230
	at $-150^{\circ}\text{F}$	0.43
	at $250^{\circ}\text{F}$	1.1

For thermal conductivity tests, our experience has shown that Kohlrausch technique cannot be used for organic matrix composites because of the high electrical resistivity of constituent fiber and matrix. Therefore, diffusivity ( $D$ ) and bulk density ( $\rho$ ) measurements were made to calculate thermal conductivity ( $K$ ) using the following relationship:

$$K = D \cdot C_p \cdot \rho,$$

Test specimens were prepared for transverse, longitudinal, and through-the-thickness diffusivity measurements. The measured bulk density values (Table 2.1-8) obtained by weighing the

**Table 2.1-8 Results of IM7/PEEK Thermophysical Property Test (Longitudinal)**

Material	Temp. (C)	Density (gm/cm <sup>-3</sup> )	Specific Heat (W s mg <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	Diffusivity (cm <sup>2</sup> sec <sup>-1</sup> )	Conduct- ivity (W cm <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	Conduct- ivity (BTU Units *)	Temp (F)
IM7/PEEK							
[0] <sub>8</sub>	-150.0	1.549	0.2210	0.06620	0.02266	15.71	-238.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	-100.0	1.549	0.4300	0.05480	0.03650	25.31	-148.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	-50.0	1.549	0.6010	0.04720	0.04394	30.47	-58.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	0.0	1.549	0.7600	0.04230	0.04980	34.53	32.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	23.0	1.549	0.8230	0.04130	0.05265	36.50	73.4
[0] <sub>8</sub>	75.0	1.549	0.9850	0.03950	0.06027	41.79	167.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	150.0	1.549	1.2390	0.03720	0.07139	49.50	302.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	225.0	1.549	1.4790	0.03550	0.08133	56.39	437.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	300.0	1.549	1.6570	0.03420	0.08778	60.86	572.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	350.0	1.549	1.8600**	0.03400	0.09796	67.92	662.0

**Table 2.1-9 Results of IM7/PEEK Thermophysical Property Test (Transverse)**

Material	Temp. (C)	Density (gm/cm <sup>-3</sup> )	Specific Heat (W s mg <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	Diffusivity (cm <sup>2</sup> sec <sup>-1</sup> )	Conduct- ivity (W cm <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	Conduct- ivity (BTU Units *)	Temp (F)
IM7/PEEK							
[0] <sub>8</sub>	-150.0	1.536	0.2210	0.00781	0.00265	1.84	-238.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	-100.0	1.536	0.4300	0.00672	0.00444	3.08	-148.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	-50.0	1.536	0.6010	0.00606	0.00559	3.88	-58.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	0.0	1.536	0.7600	0.00552	0.00644	4.47	32.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	23.0	1.536	0.8230	0.00525	0.00664	4.60	73.4
[0] <sub>8</sub>	75.0	1.536	0.9850	0.00471	0.00713	4.94	167.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	150.0	1.536	1.2390	0.00437	0.00832	5.77	302.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	225.0	1.536	1.4790	0.00394	0.00895	6.21	437.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	300.0	1.536	1.6570	0.00365	0.00929	6.44	572.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	350.0	1.536	1.8600	0.00361	0.01031	7.15	662.0



**Table 2.1-10 Results of IM7/PEEK Thermophysical Property Test (Through-the-Thickness)**

Material	Temp. (C)	Density (gm/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Specific Heat (W s mg <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	Diffusivity (cm <sup>2</sup> sec <sup>-1</sup> )	Conduct- ivity (W cm <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	Conduct- ivity (BTU Units *)	Temp (F)
IM7/PEEK							
[0] <sub>8</sub>	-150.0	1.579	0.2210	0.00802	0.00280	1.94	-238.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	-100.0	1.579	0.4300	0.00680	0.00462	3.20	-148.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	-50.0	1.579	0.6010	0.00584	0.00554	3.84	-58.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	0.0	1.579	0.7600	0.00558	0.00670	4.64	32.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	23.0	1.579	0.8230	0.00532	0.00691	4.79	73.4
[0] <sub>8</sub>	75.0	1.579	0.9850	0.00497	0.00773	5.36	167.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	150.0	1.579	1.2390	0.00447	0.00875	6.06	302.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	225.0	1.579	1.4790	0.00396	0.00925	6.41	437.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	300.0	1.579	1.6570	0.00356	0.00931	6.46	572.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	350.0	1.579	1.8600 **	0.00340	0.00999	6.92	662.0

specimens of known geometry are about two percent lower than the values obtained by ASTM D-792, based on Archimedes principle.

Measured thermal conductivity values as listed in Tables 2.1-8 to 2.1-10 show an increase in conductivity with the increasing temperature for IM7/PEEK. Also, the longitudinal thermal conductivity value of 0.0526 W/cm-K (at RT) is significantly lower than the 0.91 W/cm-K value for unidirectional P75/1962 Epoxy composite because P75 fiber has significantly higher thermal conductivity compared to IM7 fiber. The thermal conductivity values at different temperatures are as follows:

	$K_L$	$K_T$	$K_Z$
IM7/PEEK [0] <sub>g</sub>		(W/cm-K)	(W/cm-K)
At RT	0.0526	0.0066	0.0069
-150°F	0.0365	0.0044	0.0046
250°F	0.0655	0.0077	0.0082

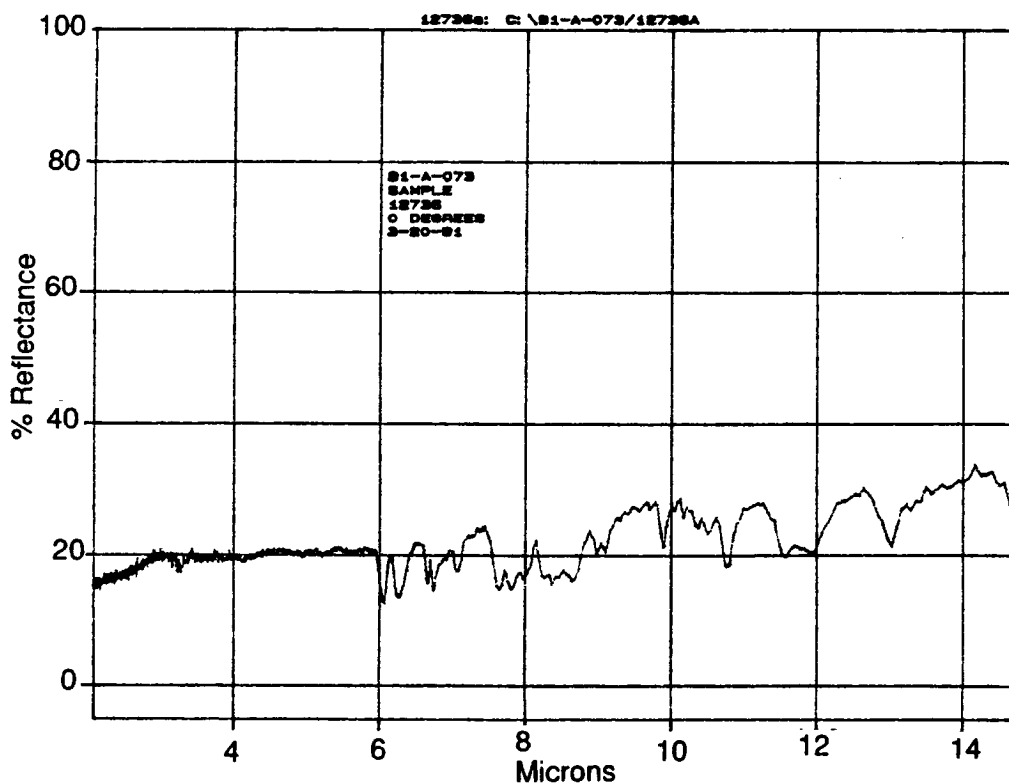
(c) Optical Properties

Solar Absorptance: 0.91

I.R. Emittance: 0.77

Reflectance vs. wavelength plot - for the as-consolidated [0]<sub>g</sub> plate surface the percent reflectance spectra from 2.0 - 14.0 microns is shown in Figure 2.1-5. For example, at 10.6  $\mu\text{m}$  the reflectance value of 0.23 (23%) suggested the emittance value of 0.77; consistent with the normal emittance value obtained from Gier-Dunkel model DE-100.

**Figure 2.1-5 FTIR Reflectance Spectra of [0]<sub>g</sub> IM7/PEEK**



## 2.2 IM7/PEEK $[0, \pm 45, 90]_S$ AND $[\pm 30, 0_4]_S$ FLAT PANELS

### 2.2.1 Fabrication Data

Material system:	IM7/PEEK(IM7/APC2)	IM7/PEEK(IM7/APC2)
Fiber Layup:	$[0, \pm 45, 90]_S$	$[\pm 30, 0_4]_S$
Process:	ICI-Fiberite autoclave cycle C-29.	

All panels were consolidated in a platen press at 735°F under an applied pressure of 100 psi for 20 min. The panels were cooled down at  $\geq 13^\circ\text{F}/\text{minute}$  while the 100 psi pressure was maintained until below 200°F. Full vacuum was maintained throughout consolidation cycle.

Condition:	As-fabricated	As-fabricated
Dimensions:	12-in. x 12-in. x 0.040-in.	12-in. x 12-in. x 0.060-in.
Ply Thickness:	0.005-in.	0.005-in.
Prepeg Batch No.:	N89-0032	N89-0032
Fiberite Code No.:	12737 P1-P5	12738 P1-P5
Martin Marietta ID#:	(CK)(SQ)(AP)	(CK)(SZ)(AP)

### 2.2.2 Product Evaluation

#### (a) Density

- IM7/PEEK  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_S$  and  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_S$

IM7 Fiber: 0.0643 lb/in<sup>3</sup> (1.78 gm/cm<sup>3</sup>)

PEEK: 0.046 lb/in<sup>3</sup> (1.27 gm/cm<sup>3</sup>)

IM7/PEEK: 0.0569 lb/in<sup>3</sup> (1.575 gm/cm<sup>3</sup>)

(b) Fiber Volume

• IM7/PEEK $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$ :	62.0%
Std. Dev.:	0.7
Void Volume:	$\leq 0.5\%$
• IM7/PEEK $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$ :	62.0%
Std. Dev.:	0.8
Void Volume:	$\leq 0.5\%$

(c) Non-Destructive Evaluation

Visual, X-radiographic and ultrasonic techniques were used to inspect all IM7/PEEK  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$  and  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$  flat panels. Each panel appeared to be of good quality without any surface imperfections. X-radiographic inspection examination revealed that fiber collimation was excellent. Ultrasonic C-scan (Figure 2.2-1) showed no major defect such as cracks or delaminations except a few air-bubble sites on the entire panel.

(d) Microstructure

Longitudinal and transverse photomicrographs of  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$  and  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$  IM7/PEEK specimens are shown in Figure 2.2-2 (a, b) and 2.2-3 (a, b) respectively. Each photomicrograph revealed nearly uniform fiber-matrix distribution with a few localized microvoids. Microstructural examination at different locations of the panel did not reveal any microcracks or large voids.

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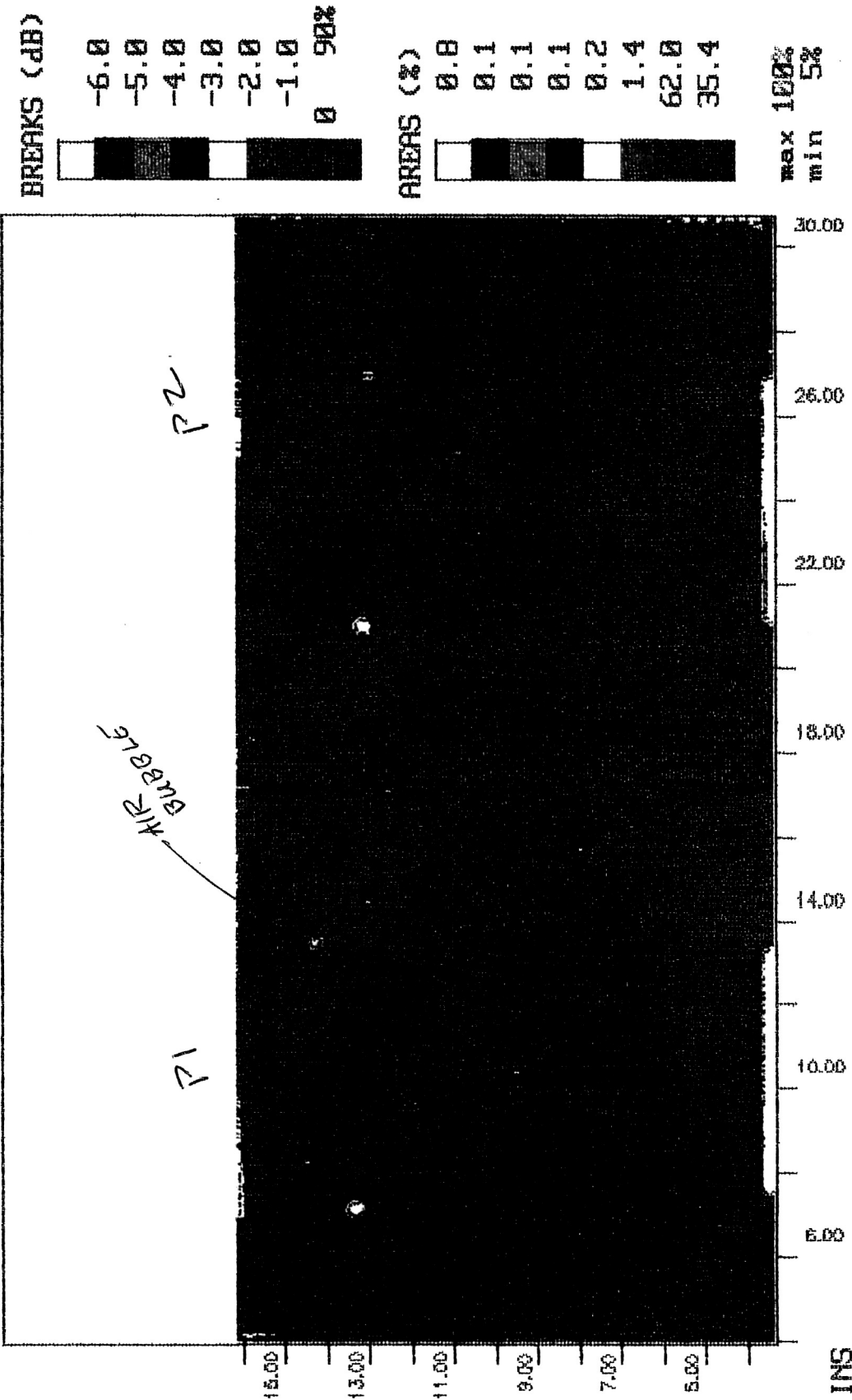
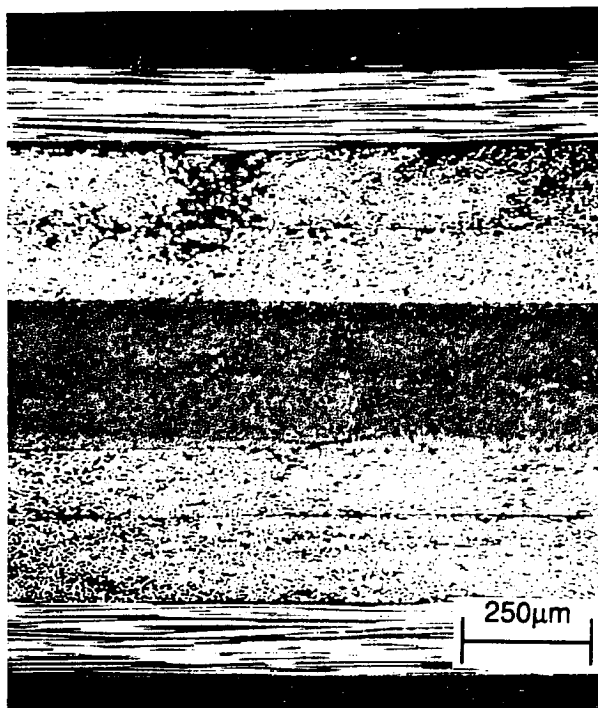
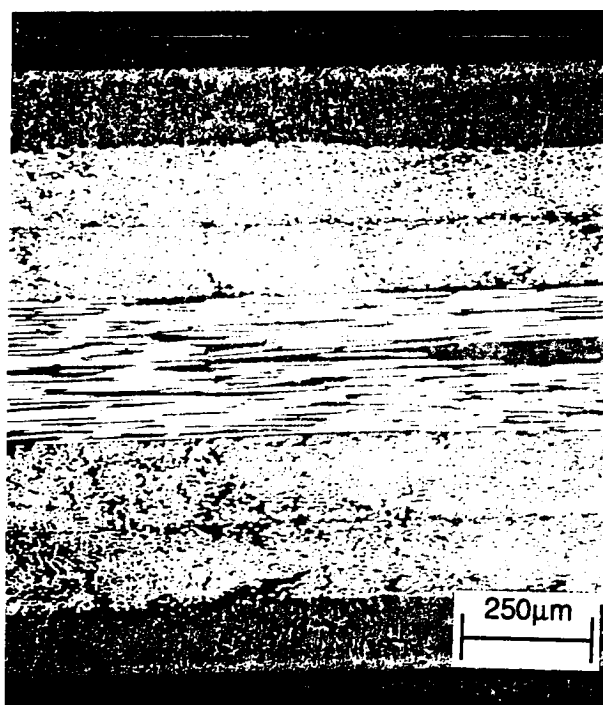


Figure 2.2-1 Ultrasonic C-Scan of IM7/PEEK [0, ±45, 90]<sub>s</sub>

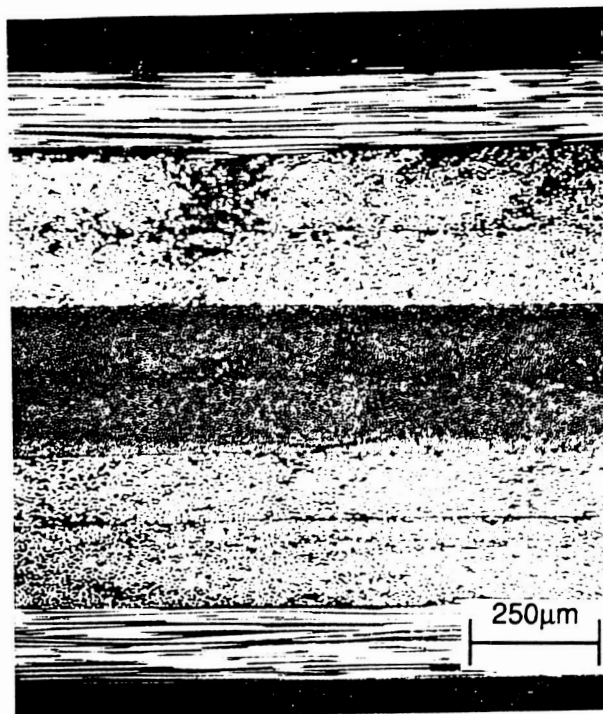


(a) Longitudinal

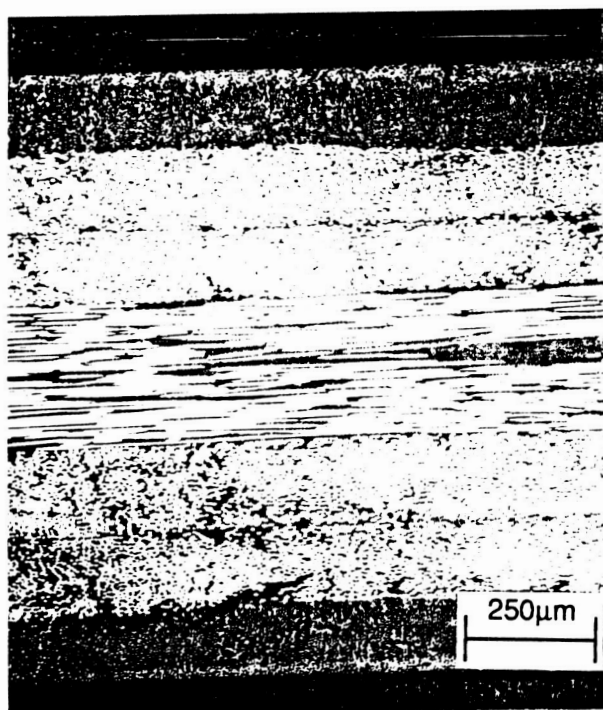


(b) Transverse

**Figure 2.2-2 Longitudinal and Transverse Micrographs of Quasi-Isotropic  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$  IM7/PEEK Laminate Showing Uniform Fiber Distribution and No Defects Such as Microvoids and Disbonds**

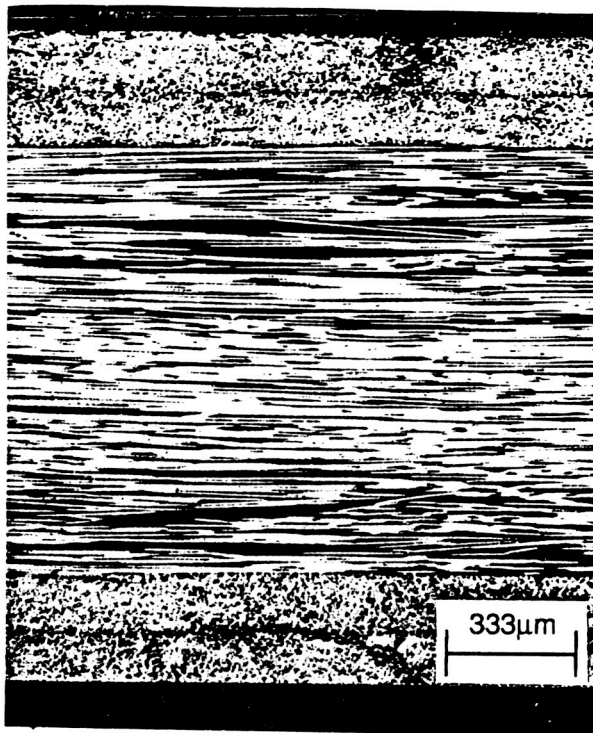


(a) Longitudinal

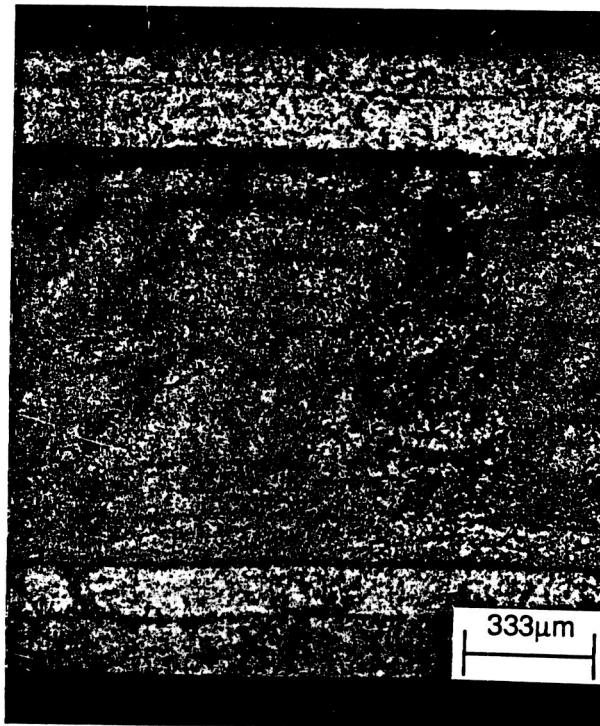


(b) Transverse

**Figure 2.2-2 Longitudinal and Transverse Micrographs of Quasi-Isotropic  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$  IM7/PEEK Laminate Showing Uniform Fiber Distribution and No Defects Such as Microvoids and Disbonds**



(a) Longitudinal



(b) Transverse

**Figure 2.2-3 Longitudinal and Transverse Micrographs of  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$  IM7/PEEK Laminate Revealing Uniform Fiber Distribution Without Any Defects in Different Plies**



### 2.2.3 Mechanical Properties

#### (a) Tension

Table 2.2-1 and 2.2-2 list the longitudinal and transverse tension properties respectively of  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$  laminate, and Tables 2.2-3 and 2.2-4 list the longitudinal and transverse tensile properties of  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$  laminate. During these tests, each specimen exhibited nearly linear elastic response up to about  $90 \pm 5\%$  of the failure stress. For both the laminates, the measured elastic modulus and strength values are consistent with the predicted values. For example, in the case of quasi-isotropic laminate measured strength of 134.8 ksi is in excellent agreement with the predicted value of 134 ksi; although the measured modulus of 7.3 Msi is somewhat lower than the predicted modulus value of 9.4 Msi. The  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$  laminate exhibited the nearly isotropic response at each test temperatures. Also, in the case of  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$ , the measured modulus of 18.1 Msi was close to the predicted value of 19.8 Msi, and measured strength of 297.4 ksi was 98% of the predicted strength value of 303 ksi. Like unidirectional composite, the tensile modulus values at different test temperatures were nearly identical and the strength values at 250°F were lower than the values obtained at -150°F and RT0.

#### (b) Compression

Longitudinal and transverse compressive properties of IM7/PEEK  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$  and  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$  laminate are listed in Tables 2.2-5 to 2.2-8. Based on these results the compressive modulus values at different temperatures were nearly identical and about 95% of the tensile modulus values. The compressive strength values were about 45% of the tensile strength values, and generally decreased with the increasing temperature; e.g., for IM7/PEEK  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$  compressive strength 96.85 ksi at -150°F, 67.7 ksi at RT, and 55.06 ksi at 250°F.

**Table 2.2-1 Longitudinal Tensile Properties of IM7/PEEK [0, ±45, 90]<sub>s</sub>**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (CK) (SQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^T$ (Msi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
TNL-1	6.89	128.18	0.310
TNL-2	6.94	130.23	0.290
TNL-3	7.69	134.49	0.270
TNL-4	—	—	—
TNL-5	—	—	—
Mean Value	7.17	130.97	0.290
Std. Dev.	0.45	3.21	0.020
CV (%)	6.27	2.45	6.900

(b) at RT

Specimen # (CK) (SQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^T$ (Msi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
TNL-11	—	—	—
TNL-12	—	—	—
TNL-13	7.4	130.2	0.260
TNL-14	7.3	129.2	0.290
TNL-15	7.3	131.6	0.330
Mean Value	7.3	130.3	0.291
Std. Dev.	0.0	1.2	0.034
CV (%)	0.5	0.9	11.800

(c) at +250°F

Specimen # (CK) (SQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^T$ (Msi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
TNL-6	7.29	119.1	0.330
TNL-7	7.56	115.2	0.330
TNL-8	7.07	119.5	0.310
TNL-9	7.43	104.0	0.330
TNL-10	6.96	—	0.350
Mean Value	7.26	114.5	0.331
Std. Dev.	0.25	7.2	0.013
CV (%)	3.40	6.3	4.000

**Table 2.2-2 Transverse Tensile Properties of IM7/PEEK [0, ±45, 90]<sub>s</sub>**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (CK) (SQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_y^T$ (Msi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
TNT-1	8.03	129.40	0.330
TNT-2	7.28	145.00	0.290
TNT-3	7.51	152.00	0.320
TNT-4	7.21	150.80	—
TNT-5	7.84	150.40	—
Mean Value	7.57	145.44	0.310
Std. Dev.	0.35	9.35	0.021
CV (%)	4.60	6.43	6.780

(b) at RT

Specimen # (CK) (SQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_y^T$ (Msi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
TNT-11	8.32	131.10	0.360
TNT-12	7.54	138.97	0.338
TNT-13	7.27	122.00	0.313
TNT-14	7.65	136.90	0.314
TNT-15	7.77	145.03	—
Mean Value	7.71	134.80	0.334
Std. Dev.	0.39	8.70	0.020
CV (%)	5.06	6.45	6.000

(c) at +150°F

Specimen # (CK) (SQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_y^T$ (Msi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
TNT-6	8.20	118.7	0.300
TNT-7	6.50	120.8	0.280
TNT-8	7.60	126.4	0.340
TNT-9	7.10	119.0	0.320
TNT-10	7.10	97.1	0.290
Mean Value	7.30	116.4	0.310
Std. Dev.	0.64	11.2	0.024
CV (%)	8.70	9.6	7.770

**Table 2.2-3 Longitudinal Tensile Properties of IM7/PEEK [ $\pm 30, 0_4$ ]<sub>s</sub>**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (CK) (SZ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^T$ (Msi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
TNL-1	16.93	298.0	1.090
TNL-2	17.80	303.2	0.950
TNL-3	—	—	—
TNL-4	17.44	311.1	1.200
TNL-5	17.12	305.5	1.110
Mean Value	17.32	304.4	1.090
Std. Dev.	0.38	5.43	0.100
CV (%)	2.20	1.78	9.450

(b) at RT

Specimen # (CK) (SZ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^T$ (Msi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
TNL-11	18.3	—	1.030
TNL-12	18.0	—	0.970
TNL-13	17.9	305.3	1.040
TNL-14	17.8	295.1	1.000
TNL-15	18.4	291.8	1.000
Mean Value	18.1	297.4	1.020
Std. Dev.	0.3	7.04	0.033
CV (%)	1.5	2.3	3.300

(c) at +250°F

Specimen # (CK) (SZ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^T$ (Msi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
TNL-6	18.48	222.5	1.090
TNL-7	18.95	252.9	1.140
TNL-8	19.12	244.9	1.110
TNL-9	17.59	242.2	0.950
TNL-10	19.92	230.9	1.200
Mean Value	18.81	238.7	1.099
Std. Dev.	0.86	12.0	0.095
CV (%)	4.60	5.0	8.700

**Table 2.2-4 Transverse Tensile Properties of IM7/PEEK [ $\pm 30, 0_4$ ]<sub>s</sub>**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (CK) (SZ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_y^T$ (Msi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
TNT-1	1.690	15.35	0.072
TNT-2	1.690	15.54	0.078
TNT-3	1.700	14.88	0.086
TNT-4	1.700	16.04	0.082
TNT-5	1.670	16.05	0.081
Mean Value	1.690	15.57	0.080
Std. Dev.	0.012	0.49	0.005
CV (%)	0.700	3.14	6.200

(b) at RT

Specimen # (CK) (SZ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_y^T$ (Msi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
TNT-11	1.600	15.66	0.084
TNT-12	1.636	14.92	0.084
TNT-13	1.561	14.50	0.083
TNT-14	1.686	14.34	0.083
TNT-15	1.630	14.18	0.087
Mean Value	1.623	14.72	0.0842
Std. Dev.	0.046	0.59	0.0016
CV (%)	2.800	4.00	1.900

(c) at +150°F

Specimen # (CK) (SZ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_y^T$ (Msi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
TNT-6	1.28	12.5	0.090
TNT-7	—	—	—
TNT-8	1.15	12.9	0.090
TNT-9	1.19	13.4	0.080
TNT-10	0.96	11.5	0.110
Mean Value	1.15	12.6	0.093
Std. Dev.	0.14	0.8	0.011
CV (%)	11.90	6.5	11.600

**Table 2.2-5 Longitudinal Compressive Properties of IM7/PEEK [0, ±45, 90]<sub>s</sub>**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (CK) (SQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^C$ (Msi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
CML-1	9.43	106.00	0.340
CML-2	8.80	91.32	0.300
CML-3	10.54	96.77	0.290
CML-4	9.67	106.16	0.260
CML-5	7.23	84.01	0.330
Mean Value	9.13	96.85	0.304
Std. Dev.	1.23	9.56	0.030
CV (%)	13.47	9.87	9.870

(b) at RT

Specimen # (CK) (SQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^C$ (Msi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
CML-11	6.9	60.8	0.290
CML-12	7.6	70.5	0.290
CML-13	7.1	70.9	0.310
CML-14	7.1	63.1	0.360
CML-15	7.1	73.3	0.250
Mean Value	7.1	67.7	0.300
Std. Dev.	0.3	5.4	0.040
CV (%)	3.7	8.0	13.600

(c) at +250°F

Specimen # (CK) (SQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^C$ (Msi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
CML-6	9.42	49.55	0.330
CML-7	9.74	60.96	0.340
CML-8	6.50	49.55	0.360
CML-9	6.19	56.73	0.320
CML-10	6.66	58.49	0.290
Mean Value	7.70	55.06	0.330
Std. Dev.	1.72	5.20	0.026
CV (%)	22.13	9.44	7.880

**Table 2.2-6 Transverse Compressive Properties of IM7/PEEK [0, ±45, 90]<sub>s</sub>**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (CK) (SQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_y^C$ (Msi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
CMT-1	9.63	64.41	0.230
CMT-2	8.61	66.58	0.290
CMT-3	8.80	63.08	0.310
CMT-4	—	55.51	0.300
CMT-5	8.91	56.68	0.350
Mean Value	8.98	61.25	0.296
Std. Dev.	0.445	4.89	0.043
CV (%)	4.95	7.98	14.500

(b) at RT

Specimen # (CK) (SQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_y^C$ (Msi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
CMT-11	9.48	51.5	0.29
CMT-12	8.26	53.2	0.30
CMT-13	11.0	47.9	0.31
CMT-14	8.26	48.0	0.35
CMT-15	9.80	44.6	0.30
Mean Value	9.36	49.0	0.31
Std. Dev.	1.15	3.3	0.023
CV (%)	1.15	6.8	7.4

(c) at +250°F

Specimen # (CK) (SQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_y^C$ (Msi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
CMT-6	11.03	36.5	0.390
CMT-7	9.79	43.8	0.380
CMT-8	7.12	39.6	0.260
CMT-9	6.99	44.3	0.280
CMT-10	8.63	30.7	0.330
Mean Value	8.71	39.0	0.330
Std. Dev.	1.74	5.6	0.060
CV (%)	19.90	14.5	17.200

**Table 2.2-7 Longitudinal Compressive Properties of IM7/PEEK [ $\pm 30, 0_4$ ]<sub>s</sub>**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (CK) (SZ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^C$ (Msi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
CML-1	16.50	164.75	0.720
CML-2	16.34	145.35	0.830
CML-3	—	155.10	—
CML-4	—	162.80	—
CML-5	16.33	143.00	0.750
Mean Value	16.39	154.20	0.790
Std. Dev.	0.095	9.87	0.06
CV (%)	0.56	6.40	7.60

(b) at RT

Specimen # (CK) (SZ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^C$ (Msi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
CML-11	15.6	121.2	0.83
CML-12	15.3	120.1	0.81
CML-13	19.3	132.7	0.84
CML-14	20.4	140.6	0.82
CML-15	15.5	123.6	0.91
Mean Value	17.2	127.6	0.84
Std. Dev.	2.4	8.8	0.04
CV (%)	14.2	6.9	4.60

(c) at +250°F

Specimen # (CK) (SZ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^C$ (Msi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
CML-6	16.24	113.29	0.940
CML-7	15.70	122.76	0.880
CML-8	15.60	99.38	0.860
CML-9	16.20	96.49	0.850
CML-10	—	100.00	0.900
Mean Value	15.94	106.38	0.880
Std. Dev.	0.33	11.22	0.036
CV (%)	2.07	10.56	4.060



**Table 2.2-8 Transverse Compressive Properties of IM7/PEEK [ $\pm 30, 0_4$ ]<sub>s</sub>**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (CK) (SZ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_y^C$ (Msi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
CMT-1	2.09	40.56	0.180
CMT-2	1.87	40.93	0.130
CMT-3	1.95	35.26	0.110
CMT-4	2.08	35.78	0.130
CMT-5	—	—	—
Mean Value	2.00	38.13	0.140
Std. Dev.	0.10	3.02	0.030
CV (%)	5.00	7.92	21.40

(b) at RT

Specimen # (CK) (SZ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_y^C$ (Msi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
CMT-11	1.9	22.8	0.100
CMT-12	1.7	21.4	0.100
CMT-13	2.0	23.5	0.090
CMT-14	1.8	23.2	0.120
CMT-15	1.9	23.9	—
Mean Value	1.9	23.0	0.10
Std. Dev.	0.1	1.0	0.01
CV (%)	5.5	4.2	10.00

(c) at +250°F

Specimen # (CK) (SZ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_y^C$ (Msi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
CMT-6	1.33	19.7	0.110
CMT-7	1.53	17.6	0.090
CMT-8	1.40	18.5	0.100
CMT-9	1.38	19.0	0.120
CMT-10	1.40	19.8	0.110
Mean Value	1.41	18.9	0.100
Std. Dev.	0.07	0.9	0.010
CV (%)	5.20	4.9	10.00

(c) Flexure

Flexural modulus and strength values for the IM7/PEEK  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$  and  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$  specimens using four point bend tests are listed in Table 2.2-9. The flexural modulus of highly anisotropic laminates is a critical function of ply stacking sequence and does not necessarily correlate with the tensile modulus. During this test, the load deflection response is primarily influenced by the outermost lamina subjected to a tensile stress state. Therefore, the longitudinal flexural modulus of  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$  specimen with the outermost  $[0]$  ply was higher than the transverse modulus with a  $[90^\circ]$  outer ply.

(d) In-Plane Shear

Iosipescu shear test results of  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$  and  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$  laminates at different temperatures are listed in Tables 2.2-10 and 2.2-11 respectively. The  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$  laminate exhibited a nearly isotropic response with longitudinal and transverse shear modulus value of 2.70 Msi and 2.43 Msi respectively. These test results also indicate that shear strength decreased with the increasing temperature whereas the shear modulus remained nearly identical:

	Shear Modulus (Msi) @			Shear Strength (ksi) @		
	-150°F	RT	250°F	-150°F	RT	250°F
IM7/PEEK						
$[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$	2.90	2.70	2.46	44.72	45.20	33.10
$[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$	2.04	1.93	1.81	36.30	34.60	25.70

(e) Interlaminar Shear Strength (ILSS)

The apparent interlaminar shear strength of  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$ , and  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$  IM7/PEEK specimens are listed in Table 2.2-12.

**Table 2.2-9 Flexural Properties of IM7/PEEK (a)  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$  and (b)  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$  at RT**

(a)

Specimen # (CK)(SQ)(AP)	Longitudinal Flexural		Specimen # (CK)(SQ)(AP)	Transverse Flexural	
	Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)		Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)
FXL-1	13.7	165.40	FXT-1	3.2	47.1
FXL-2	13.1	135.60	FXT-2	2.5	35.5
FXL-3	13.1	180.10	FXT-3	2.8	40.9
FXL-4	13.4	138.60	FXT-4	3.1	44.1
FXL-5	14.0	148.20	FXT-5	3.4	50.8
Mean	13.5	153.60	Mean	3.0	43.7
Std. Dev.	0.4	18.84	Std. Dev.	0.4	5.9
CV (%)	3.1	12.30	CV (%)	12.2	13.4

(b)

Specimen # (CK)(SZ)(AP)	Longitudinal Flexural		Specimen # (CK)(SZ)(AP)	Transverse Flexural	
	Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)		Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)
FXL-1	11.35	170.0	FXT-1	2.1	26.0
FXL-2	11.82	168.6	FXT-2	2.0	24.1
FXL-3	10.52	166.2	FXT-3	2.1	25.8
FXL-4	10.87	170.6	FXT-4	2.0	23.8
FXL-5	11.49	163.4	FXT-5	2.1	23.7
Mean	11.21	167.8	Mean	2.0	24.7
Std. Dev.	0.51	3.0	Std. Dev.	0.1	1.1
CV (%)	4.60	1.8	CV (%)	3.7	4.6

**Table 2.2-10 Inplane Shear Properties of IM7/PEEK [0, ±45, 90]<sub>s</sub>**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (CK)(SQ)(AP)	Longitudinal Shear		Specimen # (CK)(SU)(AP)	Transverse Shear	
	Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)		Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)
IPL-1	3.11	50.06	IPT-1	2.58	43.86
IPL-2	2.76	41.63	IPT-2	2.64	52.07
IPL-3	2.95	42.16	IPT-3	2.57	52.60
IPL-4	2.82	45.05	IPT-4	2.74	46.11
IPL-5	—	—	IPT-5	—	—
Mean	2.91	44.72	Mean	2.63	48.66
Std. Dev.	0.155	3.86	Std. Dev.	0.078	4.34
CV (%)	5.30	8.63	CV (%)	2.96	8.91

(b) at RT

Specimen # (CK)(SQ)(AP)	Longitudinal Shear		Specimen # (CK)(SQ)(AP)	Transverse Shear	
	Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)		Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)
IPL-11	2.66	45.5	IPT-11	2.63	40.8
IPL-12	2.64	45.1	IPT-12	2.51	47.0
IPL-13	2.89	45.6	IPT-13	2.08	36.7
IPL-14	2.56	43.7	IPT-14	2.48	48.8
IPL-15	2.77	46.2	IPT-15	2.44	44.9
Mean	2.70	45.2	Mean	2.43	43.6
Std. Dev.	0.13	0.9	Std. Dev.	0.21	4.9
CV (%)	4.70	2.0	CV (%)	8.60	11.3

(c) at 250°F

Specimen # (CK)(SU)(AP)	Longitudinal Shear		Specimen # (CK)(SU)(AP)	Transverse Shear	
	Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)		Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)
IPL-6	2.53	32.58	IPT-6	2.37	29.23
IPL-7	2.42	34.43	IPT-7	2.41	37.83
IPL-8	2.39	36.63	IPT-8	2.44	34.33
IPL-9	2.47	32.79	IPT-9	2.38	33.28
IPL-10	2.49	33.00	IPT-10	2.89	30.33
Mean	2.46	33.10	Mean	2.50	33.00
Std. Dev.	0.055	0.885	Std. Dev.	0.22	3.40
CV (%)	2.20	2.67	CV (%)	8.80	10.3

**Table 2.2-11 Inplane Shear Properties of IM7/PEEK [ $\pm 30, 0_4$ ]<sub>s</sub>**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (CK)(SZ)(AP)	Longitudinal Shear		Specimen # (CK)(SZ)(AP)	Transverse Shear	
	Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)		Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)
IPL-1	2.00	36.84	IPT-1	1.550	26.82
IPL-2	2.14	39.29	IPT-2	1.560	26.11
IPL-3	2.05	33.12	IPT-3	1.640	27.29
IPL-4	1.98	35.90	IPT-4	1.780	28.83
IPL-5	—	—	IPT-5	—	—
Mean	2.042	36.29	Mean	1.630	27.26
Std. Dev.	0.07	2.55	Std. Dev.	0.100	1.15
CV (%)	3.42	7.02	CV (%)	6.500	4.22

(b) at RT

Specimen # (CK)(SZ)(AP)	Longitudinal Shear		Specimen # (CK)(SZ)(AP)	Transverse Shear	
	Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)		Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)
IPL-11	1.86	33.2	IPT-11	1.57	25.8
IPL-12	2.04	34.5	IPT-12	1.51	25.7
IPL-13	1.91	35.9	IPT-13	1.56	25.5
IPL-14	1.92	35.0	IPT-14	1.43	26.6
IPL-15	1.95	34.5	IPT-15	1.59	25.1
Mean	1.93	34.6	Mean	1.53	25.8
Std. Dev.	0.07	1.0	Std. Dev.	0.07	0.5
CV (%)	3.50	2.9	CV (%)	4.30	2.1

(c) at 250°F

Specimen # (CK)(SZ)(AP)	Longitudinal Shear		Specimen # (CK)(SZ)(AP)	Transverse Shear	
	Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)		Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)
IPL-6	1.85	26.45	IPT-6	1.54	20.76
IPL-7	1.70	26.77	IPT-7	1.40	22.22
IPL-8	1.74	25.23	IPT-8	1.48	21.90
IPL-9	1.98	25.04	IPT-9	1.23	20.41
IPL-10	1.80	24.98	IPT-10	1.55	21.25
Mean	1.814	25.70	Mean	1.44	21.31
Std. Dev.	0.109	0.849	Std. Dev.	0.13	0.76
CV (%)	6.00	3.30	CV (%)	9.03	3.56

**Table 2.2-12 Apparent Interlaminar Shear Strength (ILSS) of IM7/PEEK**

(a) at -150°F

IM7/PEEK [0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>		IM7/PEEK [±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	
Specimen # (CK)(SQ)(AP)	ILSS-L (ksi)	Specimen # (CK)(SZ)(AP)	ILSS-L (ksi)
IL-1Q1	9.14	IL-4Z1	17.41
IL-1Q2	9.66	IL-4Z2	18.53
IL-1Q3	9.61	IL-4Z3	17.40
IL-1Q4	—	IL-4Z4	17.40
IL-1Q5	—	IL-4Z5	—
IL-1Q6	—	IL-4Z6	—
Mean	9.48	Mean	17.68
Std. Dev.	0.29	Std. Dev.	0.56
CV (%)	3.01	CV (%)	3.1

(a) at RT

IM7/PEEK [0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>		IM7/PEEK [±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	
Specimen # (CK)(SQ)(AP)	ILSS-L (ksi)	Specimen # (CK)(SZ)(AP)	ILSS-L (ksi)
IL-1Q1	12.05	IL-4Z1	15.96
IL-1Q2	11.87	IL-4Z2	15.17
IL-1Q3	11.11	IL-4Z3	15.65
IL-1Q4	11.33	IL-4Z4	14.64
IL-1Q5	11.24	IL-4Z5	18.67
IL-1Q6	11.10	IL-4Z6	18.92
Mean	11.45	Mean	16.50
Std. Dev.	0.41	Std. Dev.	1.80
CV (%)	3.58	CV (%)	10.90

(a) at 250°F

IM7/PEEK [0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>		IM7/PEEK [±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	
Specimen # (CK)(SQ)(AP)	ILSS-L (ksi)	Specimen # (CK)(SZ)(AP)	ILSS-L (ksi)
IL-1Q1	7.95	IL-4Z1	10.73
IL-1Q2	7.93	IL-4Z2	10.38
IL-1Q3	7.95	IL-4Z3	10.68
IL-1Q4	7.93	IL-4Z4	10.38
IL-1Q5	8.01	IL-4Z5	10.38
IL-1Q6	—	IL-4Z6	10.50
Mean	7.95	Mean	10.51
Std. Dev.	0.032	Std. Dev.	0.18
CV (%)	0.40	CV (%)	1.70

ILSS at RT = 11.45 ksi for  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$

ILSS at RT = 16.5 ksi for  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$  laminate

Based on these results, the apparent ILSS values of  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$  also decreased with increasing temperature because the interlaminar shear response is primarily influenced by the matrix. It is likely that  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$  laminate showed an anomalous response, as it exhibited lower strength at -150°F than at RT.

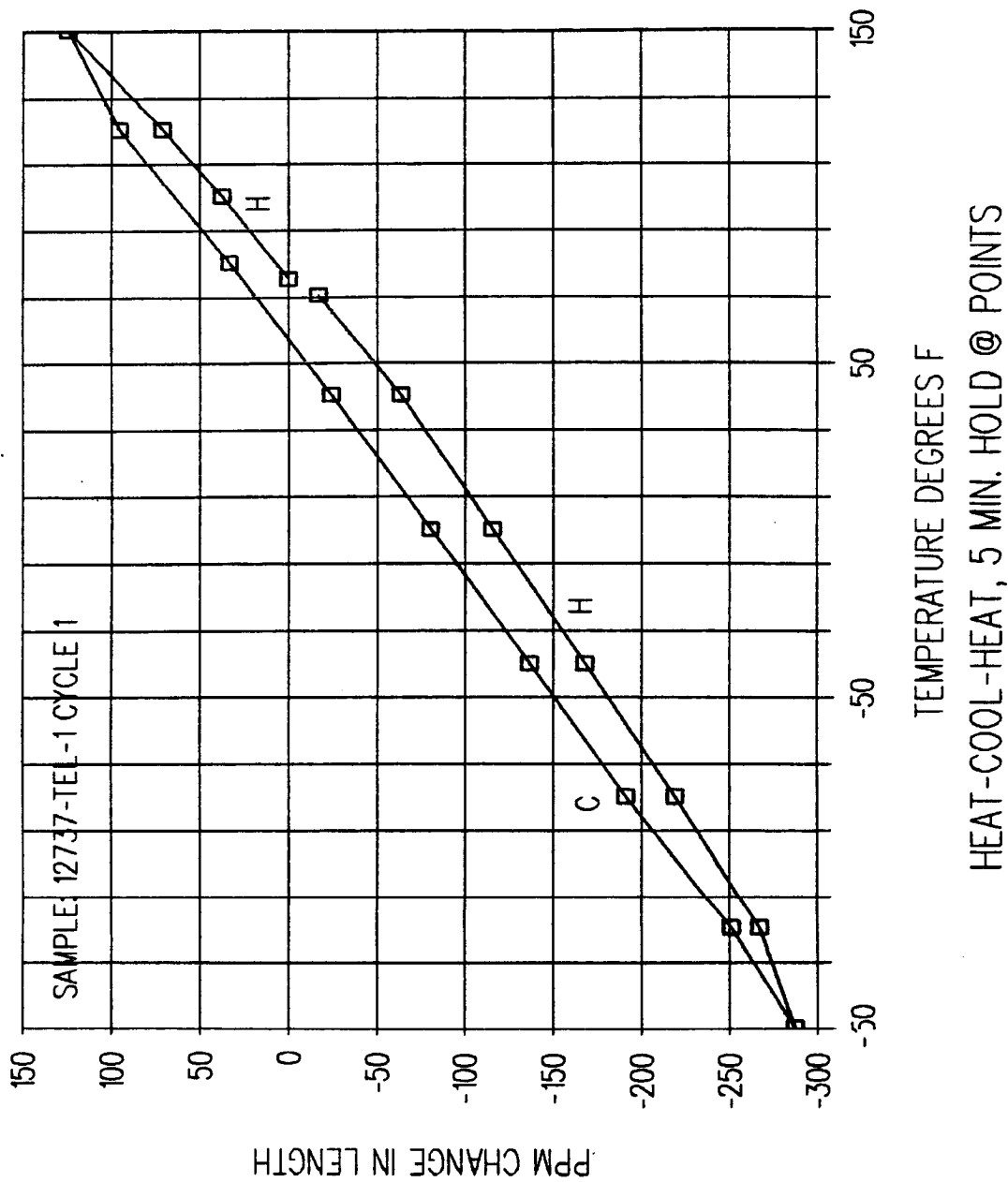
## 2.2.4 Thermophysical Properties

### (a) CTE

Thermal expansion response of the  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$  and  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$  laminates is presented in Figures 2.2-4 to 2.2-7. The average CTE (obtained from the slope of a line joining the end points of response) residual strain are listed in Table 2.2-13. Also, the measured CTE values are in good agreement with the predicted values. For example,  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$  laminate exhibited the quasi-isotropic response with the average CTE value of 1.27 ppm/°F in perfect agreement with the predicted value (1.27 ppm/°F).

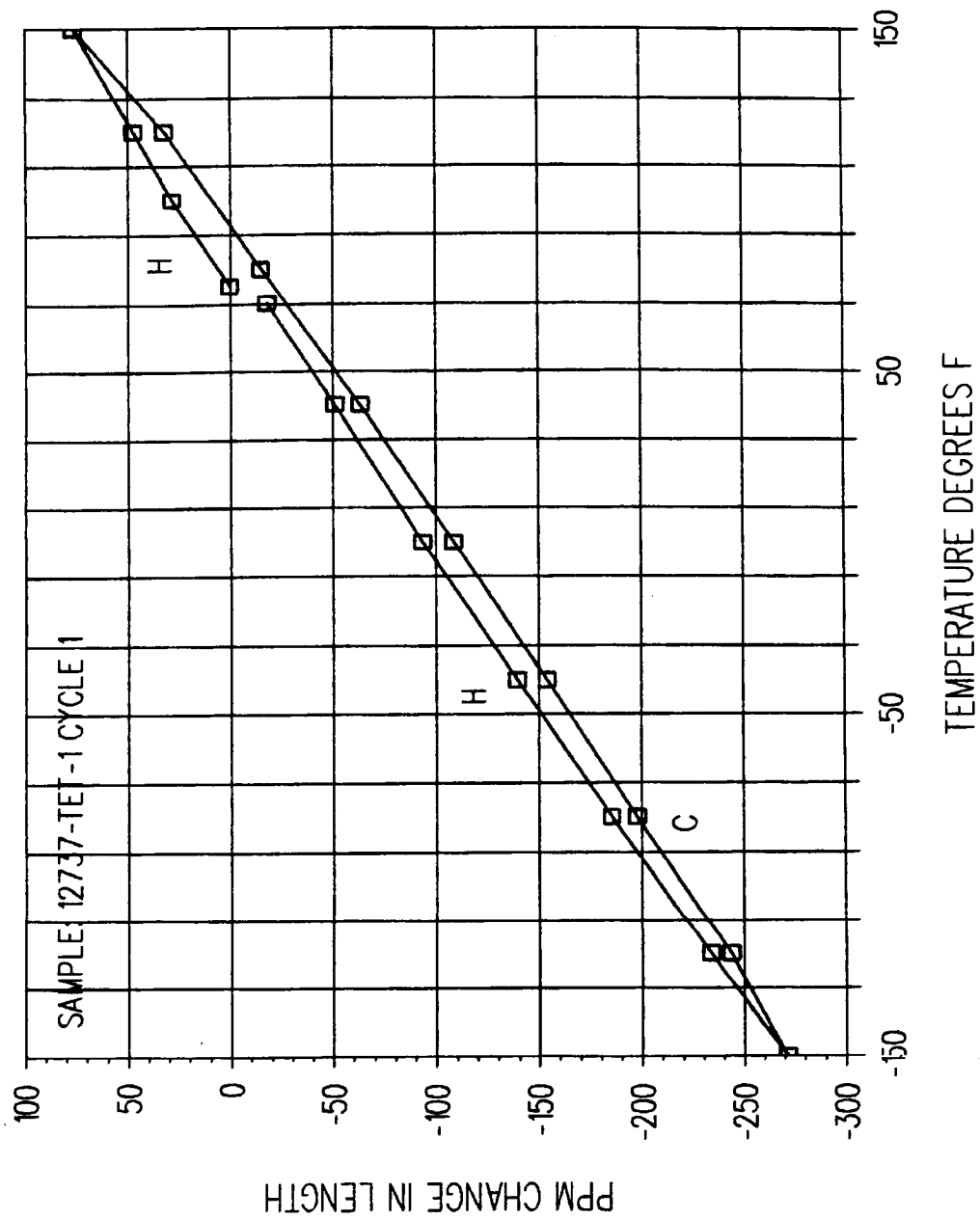
### (b) Specific Heat, Thermal Diffusivity and Thermal Conductivity

These thermophysical property test results of IM7/PEEK specimens for three different layups  $[0]_8$ ,  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$ , and  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$  are listed in Table 2.2-14 (longitudinal), Table 2.2-15 (transverse) and Table 2.2-16 (through-the-thickness) respectively. The specific heat ( $C_p$ ) values for each laminate are nearly similar. For example @ 23°C:

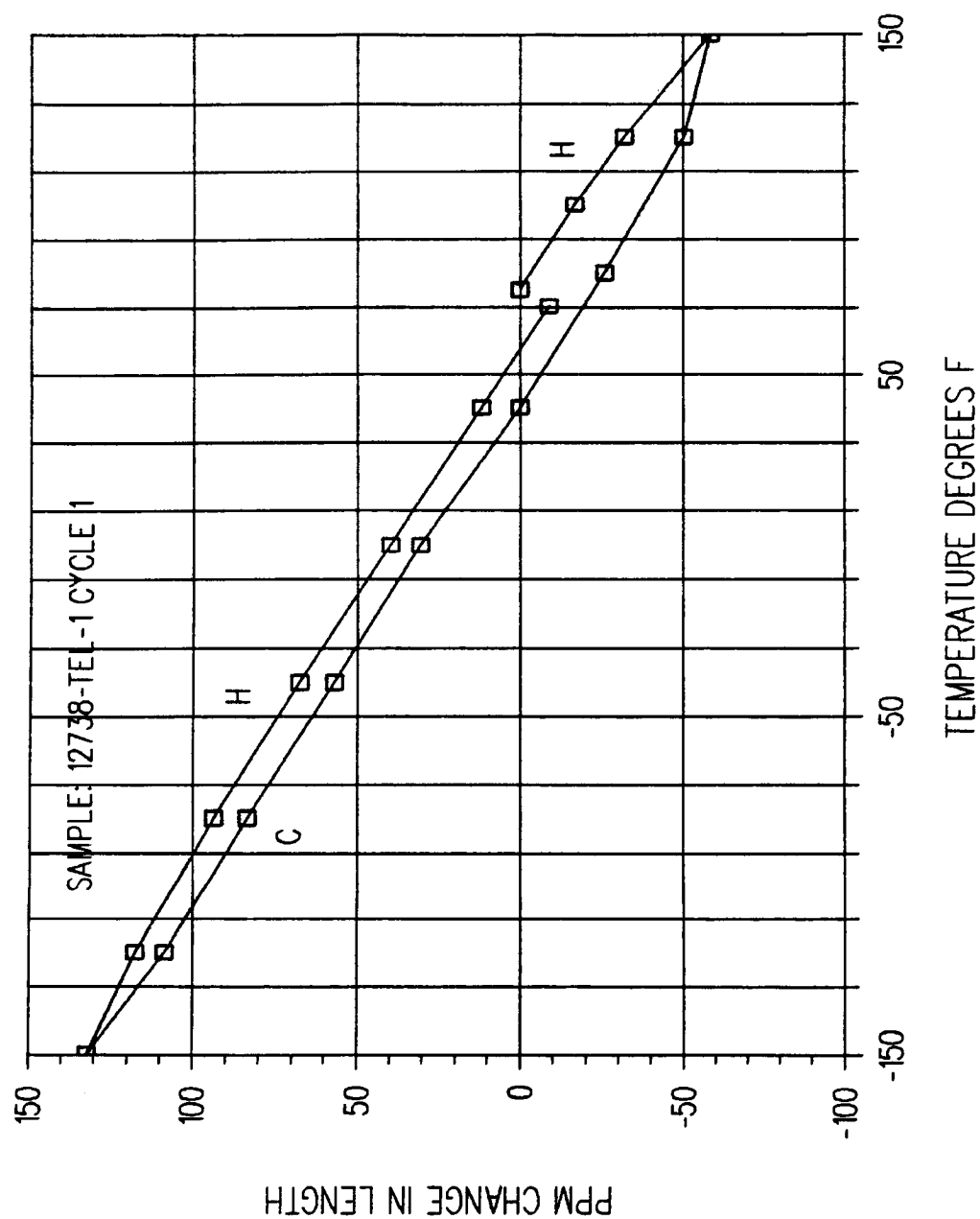


**Figure 2.2-4 Thermal Expansion Behavior of Longitudinal IM7/PEEK [0,  $\pm 45$ , 90]<sub>s</sub> Specimen in a Heat-Cool-Heat Cycle Using Push Rod Dilatometer**



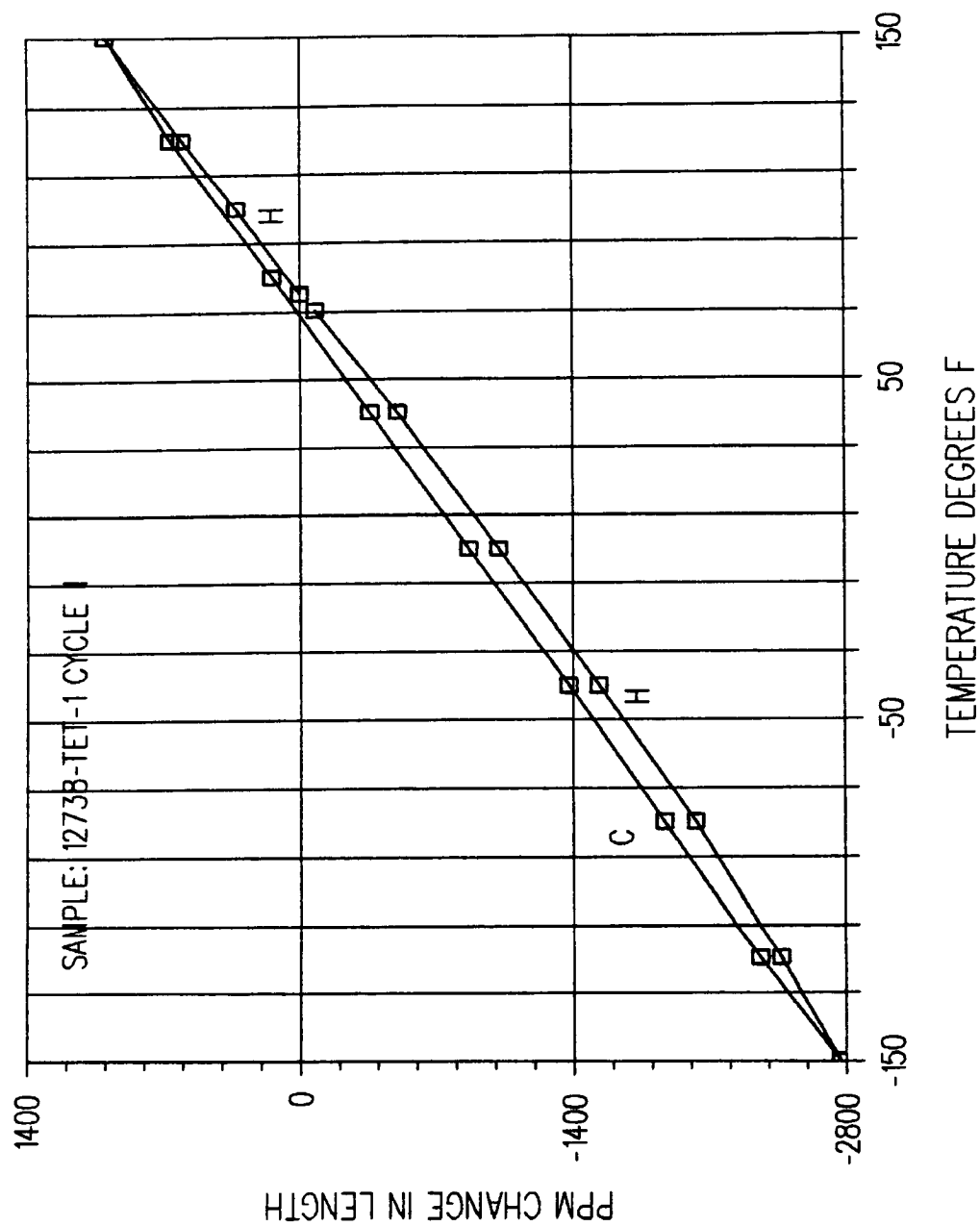


**Figure 2.2-5 Thermal Expansion Behavior of Transverse IM7/PEEK [0,  $\pm 45$ , 90]<sub>s</sub> Specimen in a Heat-Cool-Heat Cycle Using Push Rod Dilatometer**



HEAT-COOL-HEAT, 5 MIN. HOLD @ POINTS

**Figure 2.2-6 Thermal Expansion Behavior of Longitudinal IM7/PEEK [ $\pm 30, 0_4$ ], Specimen in a Heat-Cool-Heat Cycle Using Push Rod Dilatometer**



HEAT-COOL-HEAT, 5 MIN. HOLD @ POINTS

**Figure 2.2-7 Thermal Expansion Behavior of Transverse IM7/PEEK ( $\pm 30, 0_{\Delta 5}$  Specimen in a Heat-Cool-Heat Cycle Using Push Rod Dilatometer**

**Table 2.2-13 Summary of Thermal Expansion Test Results for IM7/PEEK [0, ±45, 90]<sub>s</sub> and [±30, 0<sub>4</sub>]<sub>s</sub> Laminates in First Cycle Between -150°F and 150°F**

THERMAL RESPONSE	IM7/PEEK			
	[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>		[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	
	(L)	(T)	(L)	(T)
CTE ppm/°F (Predicted)	1.37 (1.27)	1.16 (1.27)	-0.62 (-0.63)	12.56 (11.70)
RT Hysteresis (ppm)	-25.87	140	-15.92	-15.02
Residual Strain (ppm)	-8.96	-80.40	-7.96	-18.09

Cp (Ws gm<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>)

IM7/PEEK [0]<sub>g</sub> : 0.8230

IM7/PEEK [0, ±45, 90]<sub>s</sub> : 0.8290

IM7/PEEK [±30, 0<sub>4</sub>]<sub>s</sub> : 0.8270

For thermal conductivity tests, our experience has shown that Kohlrausch technique cannot be used for organic matrix composites because of the high electrical resistivity of constituent fiber and matrix. Therefore, diffusivity (D) and bulk density (ρ) measurements were made to calculate thermal conductivity (K) using the following relationship:

$$K = D \cdot C_p \cdot \rho,$$

Test specimens were prepared for transverse, longitudinal, and through-the-thickness diffusivity measurements. In Table 2.2-14 these measured bulk density values obtained by weighing the specimens of known geometry are about two percent lower than the values obtained by ASTM D-792, based on Archimedes principle.

**Table 2.2-14 Results of IM7/PEEK Thermophysical Property Test (Longitudinal)**

Material	Temp. (C)	Density (gm cm <sup>-3</sup> )	Specific Heat (W s mg <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	Diffusivity (cm <sup>2</sup> sec <sup>-1</sup> )	Conduct- ivity (W cm <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	Conduct- ivity (BTU Units *)	Temp (F)
<b>IM7/PEEK</b>							
[0] <sub>8</sub>	-150.0	1.549	0.2210	0.06620	0.02266	15.71	-238.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	-100.0	1.549	0.4300	0.05480	0.03650	25.31	-148.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	-50.0	1.549	0.6010	0.04720	0.04394	30.47	-58.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	0.0	1.549	0.7600	0.04230	0.04980	34.53	32.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	23.0	1.549	0.8230	0.04130	0.05265	36.50	73.4
[0] <sub>8</sub>	75.0	1.549	0.9850	0.03950	0.06027	41.79	167.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	150.0	1.549	1.2390	0.03720	0.07139	49.50	302.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	225.0	1.549	1.4790	0.03550	0.08133	56.39	437.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	300.0	1.549	1.6570	0.03420	0.08778	60.86	572.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	350.0	1.549	1.8600**	0.03400	0.09796	67.92	662.0
<b>IM7/PEEK</b>							
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	-150.0	1.543	0.2290	0.04070	0.01438	9.97	-238.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	-100.0	1.543	0.4380	0.03310	0.02237	15.51	-148.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	-50.0	1.543	0.6110	0.02900	0.02734	18.96	-58.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	0.0	1.543	0.7690	0.02650	0.03144	21.80	32.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	23.0	1.543	0.8290	0.02560	0.03275	22.70	73.4
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	75.0	1.543	0.9970	0.02430	0.03738	25.92	167.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	150.0	1.543	1.2500	0.02250	0.04340	30.09	302.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	225.0	1.543	1.4890	0.02100	0.04825	33.45	437.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	300.0	1.543	1.6650	0.01970	0.05061	35.09	572.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	350.0	1.543	1.8890**	0.01950	0.05684	39.41	662.0
<b>IM7/PEEK</b>							
[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	-150.0	1.556	0.2240	0.05510	0.01920	13.32	-238.0
[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	-100.0	1.556	0.4330	0.04710	0.03173	22.00	-148.0
[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	-50.0	1.556	0.6050	0.04290	0.04039	28.00	-58.0
[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	0.0	1.556	0.7540	0.03990	0.04681	32.46	32.0
[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	23.0	1.556	0.8270	0.03870	0.04980	34.53	73.4
[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	75.0	1.556	0.9820	0.03720	0.05684	39.41	167.0
[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	150.0	1.556	1.2280	0.03510	0.06707	46.50	302.0
[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	225.0	1.556	1.4850	0.03300	0.07625	52.87	437.0
[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	300.0	1.556	1.6320	0.03180	0.08075	55.99	572.0
[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	350.0	1.556	1.7200**	0.03140	0.08404	58.27	662.0

\* BTU in hr<sup>-1</sup>ft<sup>-2</sup>F<sup>-1</sup>)

\*\* Extrapolated

**Table 2.2-15 Results of IM7/PEEK Thermophysical Property Test (Transverse)**

Material	Temp. (C)	Density (gm/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Specific Heat (W s mg <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	Diffusivity (cm <sup>2</sup> sec <sup>-1</sup> )	Conduct- ivity (W cm <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	Conduct- ivity (BTU Units *)	Temp (F)
IM7/PEEK							
[0] <sub>8</sub>	-150.0 +	1.536	0.2210	0.00781	0.00265	1.84	-238.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	-100.0	1.536	0.4300	0.00672	0.00444	3.08	-148.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	-50.0	1.536	0.6010	0.00606	0.00559	3.88	-58.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	0.0	1.536	0.7600	0.00552	0.00644	4.47	32.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	23.0	1.536	0.8230	0.00525	0.00664	4.60	73.4
[0] <sub>8</sub>	75.0	1.536	0.9850	0.00471	0.00713	4.94	167.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	150.0	1.536	1.2390	0.00437	0.00832	5.77	302.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	225.0	1.536	1.4790	0.00394	0.00895	6.21	437.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	300.0	1.536	1.6570	0.00365	0.00929	6.44	572.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	350.0	1.536	1.8600	0.00361	0.01031	7.15	662.0
IM7/PEEK							
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	-150.0 +	1.515	0.2290	0.02920	0.01013	7.02	-238.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	-100.0	1.515	0.4380	0.02620	0.01739	12.05	-148.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	-50.0	1.515	0.6110	0.02450	0.02268	15.72	-58.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	0.0	1.515	0.7690	0.02280	0.02656	18.42	32.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	23.0	1.515	0.9290	0.02240	0.03153	21.86	73.4
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	75.0	1.515	0.9970	0.02140	0.03232	22.41	167.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	150.0	1.515	1.2500	0.02070	0.03920	27.18	302.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	225.0	1.515	1.4890	0.01940	0.04376	30.34	437.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	300.0	1.515	1.6650	0.01930	0.04868	33.75	572.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	350.0	1.515	1.8890	0.01940	0.05552	38.49	662.0
IM7/PEEK							
[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	-150.0 +	1.558	0.2240	0.01380	0.00482	3.34	-238.0
[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	-100.0	1.558	0.4330	0.01180	0.00796	5.52	-148.0
[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	-50.0	1.558	0.6050	0.01050	0.00990	6.86	-58.0
[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	0.0	1.558	0.7540	0.00910	0.01068	7.41	32.0
[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	23.0	1.558	0.8270	0.00891	0.01148	7.96	73.4
[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	75.0	1.558	0.9820	0.00784	0.01199	8.32	167.0
[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	150.0	1.558	1.2280	0.00714	0.01366	9.47	302.0
[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	225.0	1.558	1.4850	0.00689	0.01594	11.05	437.0
[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	300.0	1.558	1.6320	0.00634	0.01612	11.18	572.0
[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	350.0	1.558	1.7200	0.00565	0.01514	10.50	662.0

\* BTU in hr<sup>-1</sup>ft<sup>-2</sup>F<sup>-1</sup>) + Extrapolated

**Table 2.2-16 IM7/PEEK Thermophysical Property Test (Through -the-Thickness))**

Material	Temp. (C)	Density (gm/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Specific Heat (W s mg <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	Diffusivity (cm <sup>2</sup> sec <sup>-1</sup> )	Conduct- ivity (W cm <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	Conduct- ivity (BTU Units *)	Temp (F)
<b>IM7/PEEK</b>							
[0] <sub>8</sub>	-150.0	1.579	0.2210	0.00802	0.00280	1.94	-238.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	-100.0	1.579	0.4300	0.00680	0.00462	3.20	-148.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	-50.0	1.579	0.6010	0.00584	0.00554	3.84	-58.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	0.0	1.579	0.7600	0.00558	0.00670	4.64	32.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	23.0	1.579	0.8230	0.00532	0.00691	4.79	73.4
[0] <sub>8</sub>	75.0	1.579	0.9850	0.00497	0.00773	5.36	167.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	150.0	1.579	1.2390	0.00447	0.00875	6.06	302.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	225.0	1.579	1.4790	0.00396	0.00925	6.41	437.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	300.0	1.579	1.6570	0.00356	0.00931	6.46	572.0
[0] <sub>8</sub>	350.0	1.579	1.8600**	0.00340	0.00999	6.92	662.0
<b>IM7/PEEK</b>							
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	-150.0	1.576	0.2290	0.00784	0.00283	1.96	-238.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	-100.0	1.576	0.4380	0.00664	0.00458	3.18	-148.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	-50.0	1.576	0.6110	0.00597	0.00575	3.99	-58.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	0.0	1.576	0.7690	0.00539	0.00653	4.53	32.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	23.0	1.576	0.8290	0.00521	0.00681	4.72	73.4
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	75.0	1.576	0.9970	0.00484	0.00760	5.27	167.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	150.0	1.576	1.2500	0.00428	0.00843	5.85	302.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	225.0	1.576	1.4890	0.00387	0.00908	6.30	437.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	300.0	1.576	1.6650	0.00349	0.00916	6.35	572.0
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	350.0	1.576	1.8890**	0.00336	0.01000	6.76	662.0
<b>IM7/PEEK</b>							
[±30, 0, 4] <sub>s</sub>	-150.0	1.561	0.2240	0.00821	0.00287	1.99	-238.0
[±30, 0, 4] <sub>s</sub>	-100.0	1.561	0.4330	0.00704	0.00476	3.30	-148.0
[±30, 0, 4] <sub>s</sub>	-50.0	1.561	0.6050	0.00626	0.00591	4.10	-58.0
[±30, 0, 4] <sub>s</sub>	0.0	1.561	0.7540	0.00567	0.00667	4.63	32.0
[±30, 0, 4] <sub>s</sub>	23.0	1.561	0.8270	0.00552	0.00713	4.94	73.4
[±30, 0, 4] <sub>s</sub>	75.0	1.561	0.9820	0.00498	0.00763	5.29	167.0
[±30, 0, 4] <sub>s</sub>	150.0	1.561	1.2280	0.00445	0.00853	5.91	302.0
[±30, 0, 4] <sub>s</sub>	225.0	1.561	1.4850	0.00400	0.00927	6.43	437.0
[±30, 0, 4] <sub>s</sub>	300.0	1.561	1.6320	0.00363	0.00925	6.41	572.0
[±30, 0, 4] <sub>s</sub>	350.0	1.561	1.7200**	0.00340	0.00913	6.33	662.0

\* BTU in hr<sup>-1</sup>ft<sup>-2</sup>F<sup>-1</sup>)

\*\* Extrapolated

The longitudinal thermal conductivity values for each laminate are lower than the corresponding values for P75/PEEK specimens, because of inherently low conductivity of the IM7 fiber (0.15 W/cm-K) compared to P75 fiber (1.85 w/cm-K).

Figure 2.2-8 shows the specific heat values at different temperatures, indicating a sudden increase near 305°C due to the phase transformation in the PEEK matrix.. The results of longitudinal transverse and the through-the-thickness thermal conductivity values are presented in Figures 2.2-9, 2.2-10, and 2.2-11 respectively. Each specimen exhibited 5 - 8 times higher thermal conductivity in the longitudinal direction than in the through-the-thickness direction. For example, @ RT (23°C):

Layup	K <sub>L</sub> (W cm <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )		K <sub>T</sub> (W cm <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )		K <sub>Z</sub> (W cm <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	
	IM7/PEEK	P75/PEEK	IM7/PEEK	P75/PEEK	IM7/PEEK	P75/PEEK
[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	0.0327	0.463	0.0315	0.4865	0.0068	0.015
[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	0.0498	0.7775	0.0115	0.0795	0.0071	0.016

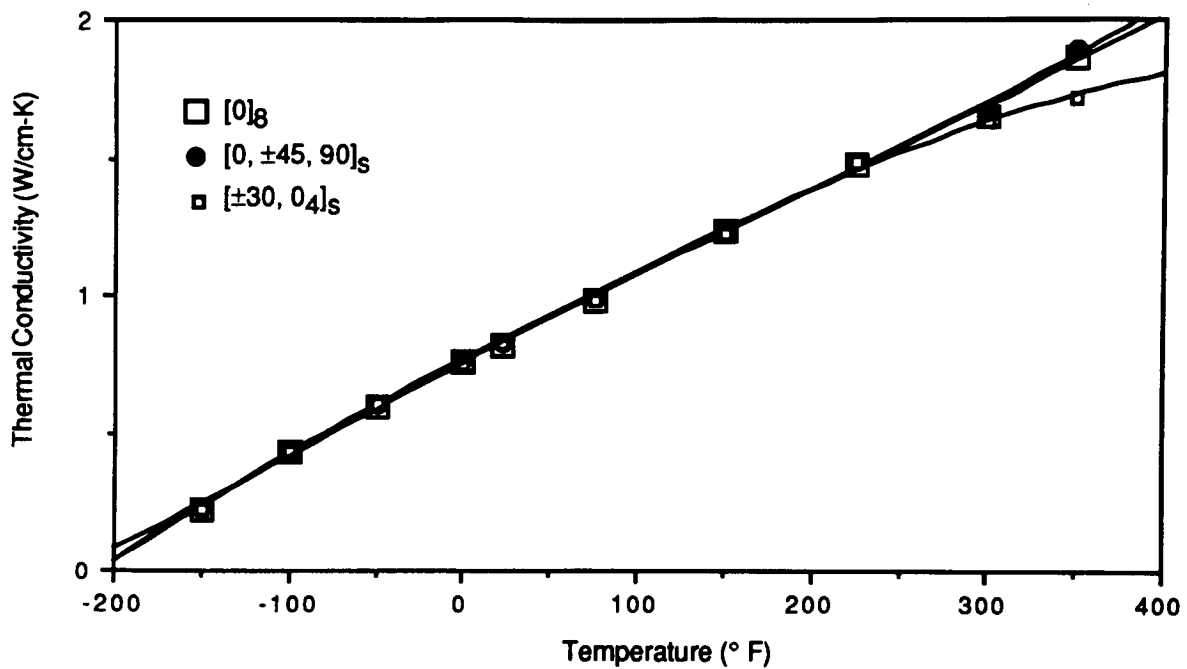
### (c) Optical Properties

The solar absorptance ( $\alpha_s$ ) and normal emissivity ( $\epsilon_N$ ) values of the as fabricated quasi-isotropic and [±30, 0<sub>4</sub>]<sub>s</sub> laminates are quite similar as shown below.

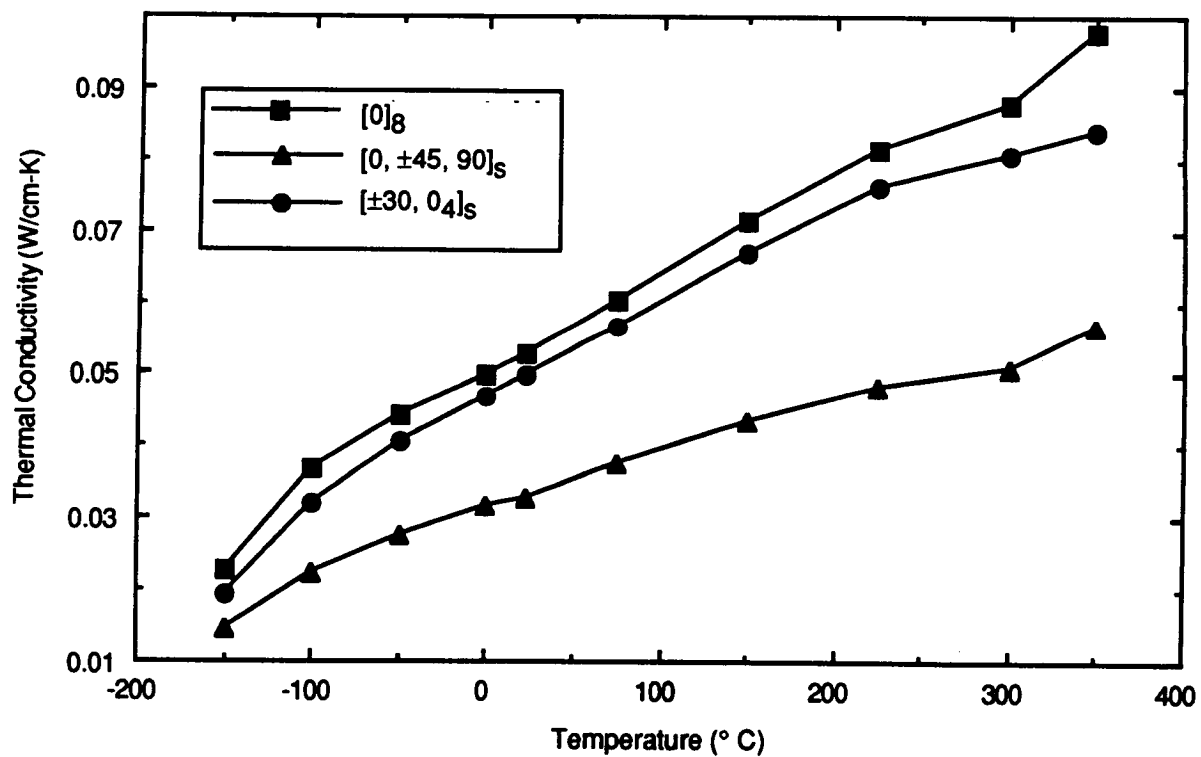
$$\alpha_s: 0.90, \quad \epsilon_N: 0.75 \quad \text{for } [0, \pm 45, 90]_s \text{ and } [\pm 30, 0_4]_s$$

**Reflectance vs. Wavelength:** Typical FTIR diffuse reflectance spectra of as received [0, ±45, 90]<sub>s</sub> and [±30, 0<sub>4</sub>]<sub>s</sub> laminates are shown in Figures 2.2-12, and 2.2-13 respectively. The measurements in the 2.0 to 14.0 micrometer wavelength were taken from specimens oriented longitudinally and transversely. In each case the reflectance spectra was nearly identical. These

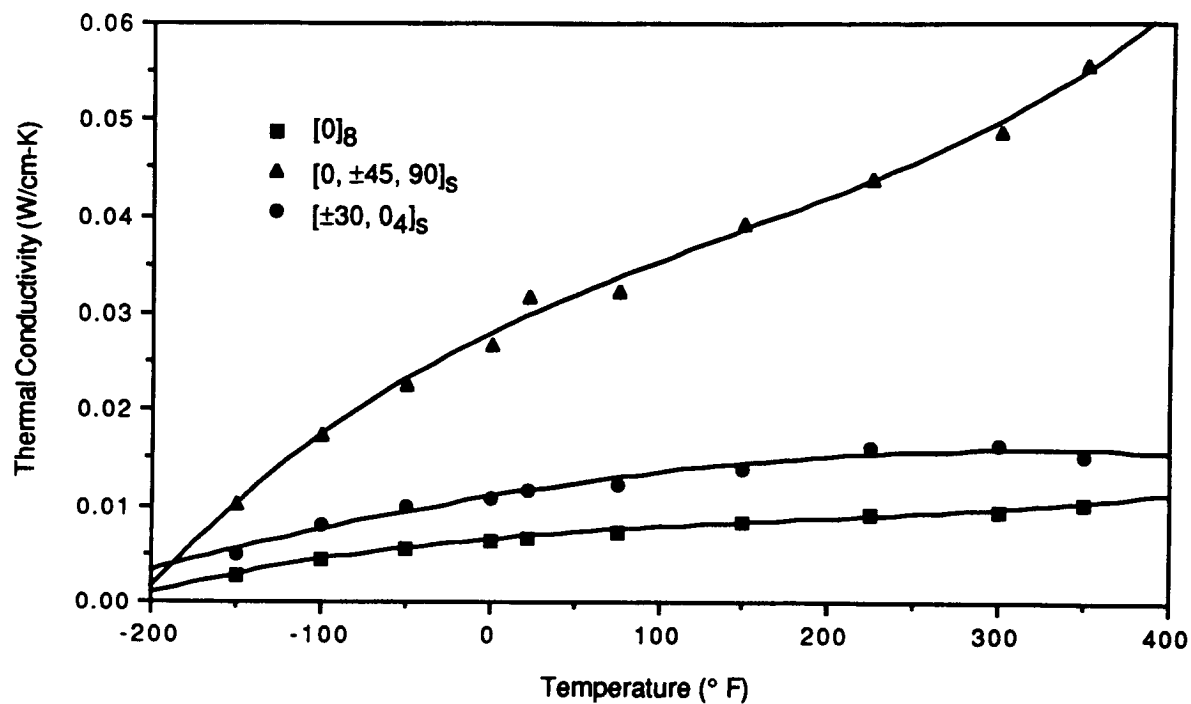




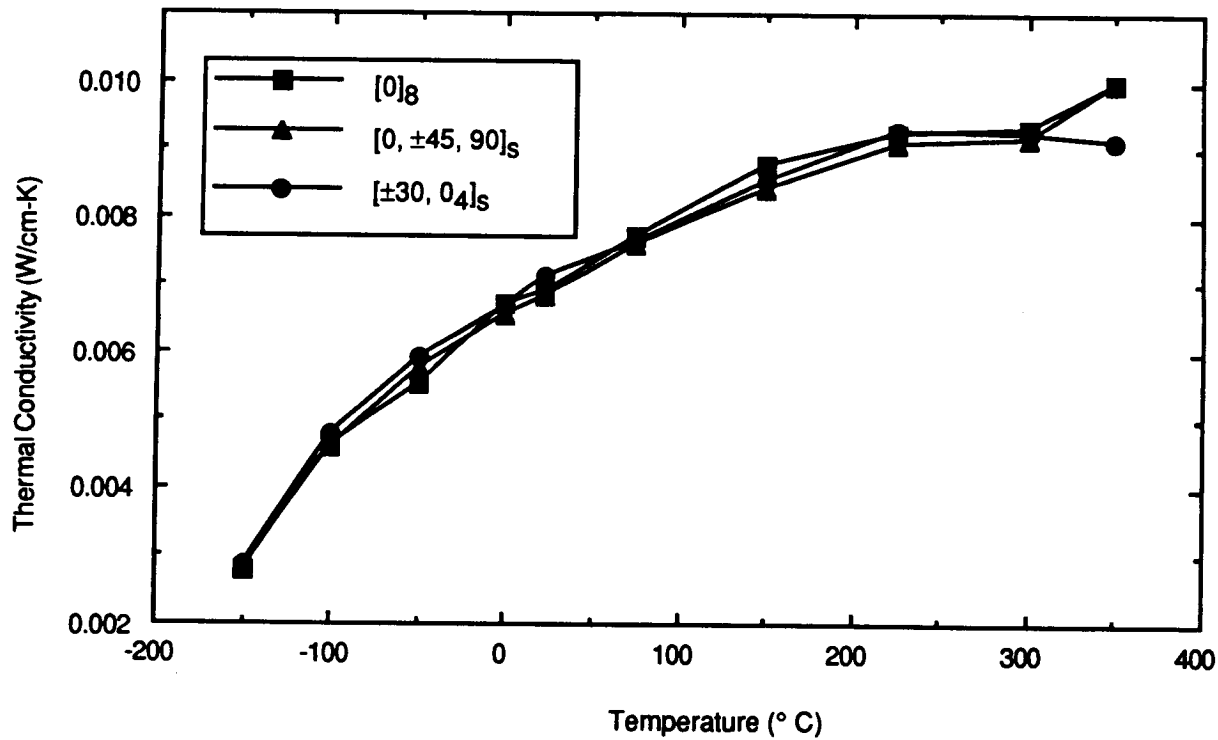
**Figure 2.2-8 Specific Heat of IM7/PEEK Composites ( $[0]_8$ ,  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$ , and  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$ ) at Different Temperatures**



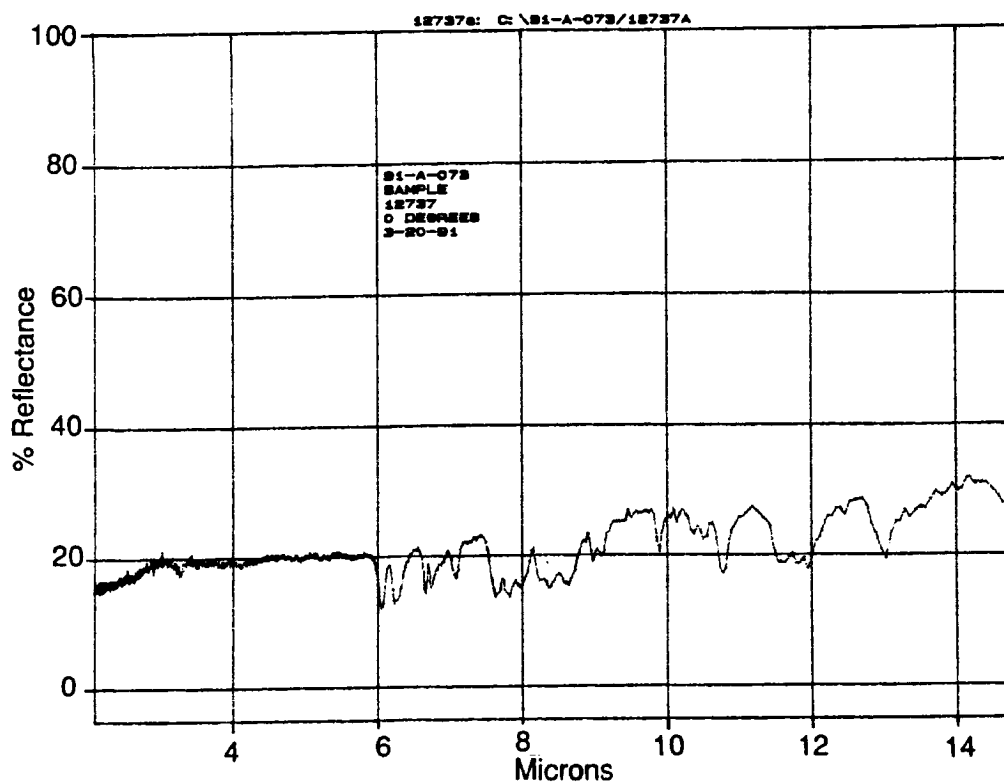
**Figure 2.2-9 Longitudinal Thermal Conductivity of IM7/PEEK Specimens  $[0]_8$ ,  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$ , and  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$**



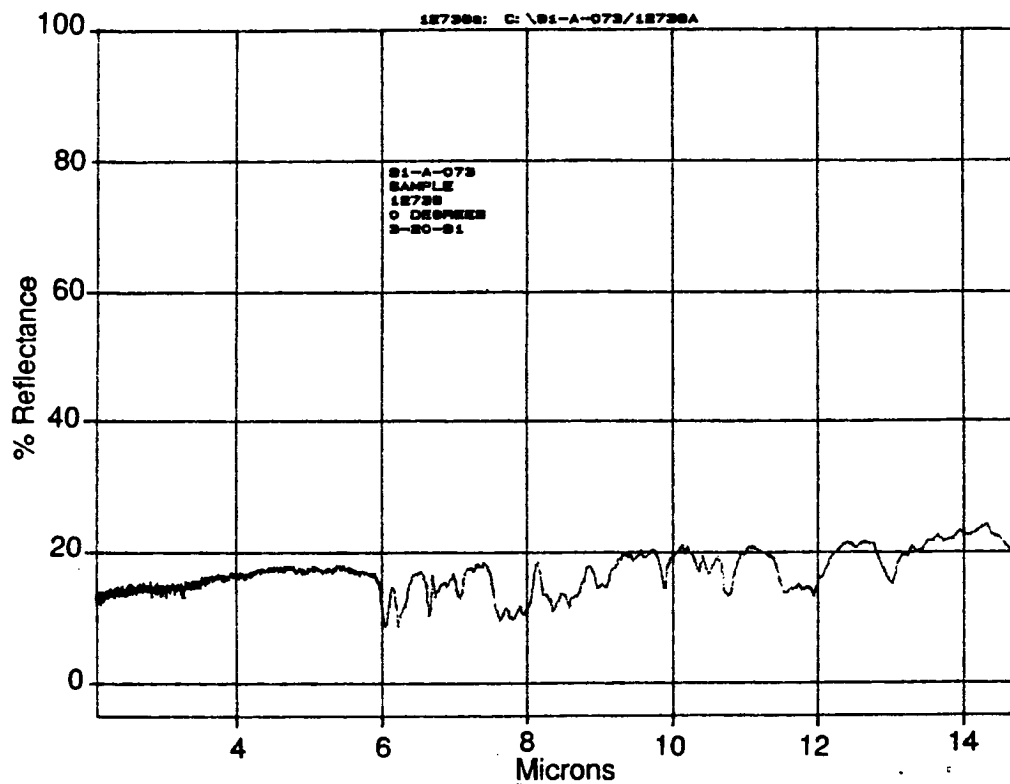
**Figure 2.2-10 Transverse Thermal Conductivity of IM7/PEEK: ( $[0]_8$ ,  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$ , and  $[\pm 30, 0]_4$ )**



**Figure 2.2-11 Through-the-Thickness ( $K_z$ ) Thermal Conductivity of IM7/PEEK:  $[0]_8$ ,  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$ , and  $[\pm 30, 0]_4$**



**Figure 2.2-12 FTIR Reflectance Spectra of  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$  IM7/PEEK**



**Figure 2.2-13 FTIR Reflectance Spectra of  $[\pm 30, 0]_s$  IM7/PEEK**

measurements indicated that at 10.6  $\mu\text{m}$  average reflectance of  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$  laminate was 20% and of  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$  laminate was 19%.

## **2.3 SUMMARY OF IM7/PEEK TEST DATA**

Material properties of  $[0]_8$ ,  $[0, \pm 45, 90]_s$ , and  $[\pm 30, 0_4]_s$  laminates are summarized in Table 2.3-1 and 2.3-2, and 2.3-3 respectively

Table 2.3-1 Graphite/Thermoplastic: IM7/PEEK [0]<sub>8</sub>

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PHYSICAL		PROPERTIES										TEMPERATURE (°F)			Std. Dev. / No. of Specimens at RT	Test Method
		MECHANICAL & THERMAL										-150	Room	250		
Density (lb / in <sup>3</sup> )		Longitudinal Tensile Strength	$\sigma_x^T$	ksi								389.0	391.27	318.1		ASTM D-3039
Fiber volume fraction		Transverse Tensile Strength	$\sigma_y^T$	ksi								11.08	10.5	9.03		ASTM D-3039
Void volume fraction		Longitudinal Comp. Strength	$\sigma_x^C$	ksi								163.6	146.8	105.2		ASTM D-3410
		Transverse comp. strength	$\sigma_y^C$	ksi								25.86	17.8	12.3		ASTM D-3410
Nominal ply thickness	In	In-plane shear strength	IPSS	ksi								23.85	19.18	9.00		10° Off Axis
Max. cont. use temp.	°F	Interlaminar shear strength	ILSS	ksi								15.38				ASTM D-2344
Ply Orientation $\theta$		Longitudinal tensile strain **	$\epsilon_x^T$	%												ASTM D-3039
		Transverse tensile strain **	$\epsilon_y^T$	%												ASTM D-3039
		Longitudinal comp. strain **	$\epsilon_x^C$	%												ASTM D-3410
		Transverse comp. strain **	$\epsilon_y^C$	%												ASTM D-3410
OPTICAL & ELECTRICAL (at room temperature)		Longitudinal tensile modulus	$E_x$	Msi								21.9	23.87	24.3		ASTM D-3039
		Transverse tensile modulus	$E_y$	Msi								1.46	1.4	1.18		ASTM D-3039
Solar Absorptance	$\alpha_s$	Longitudinal comp. modulus	$E_x$	Msi								22.53	22.8	21.72		ASTM D-3410
Normal Emissivity	$\epsilon_N$	Transverse comp. modulus	$E_y$	Msi								1.41	1.4	1.22		ASTM D-3410
		In-plane shear modulus	G	Msi								1.08	1.12	0.80		10° Off-Axis
		Longitudinal flexural modulus	$F_x$	Msi									23.13			ASTM D-790M
		Transverse flexural modulus	$F_y$	Msi									1.32			ASTM D-790M
		Long. tensile Poisson's ratio	$\nu_{xy}$									0.295	0.289	0.276		ASTM D-3039
		Trans. tensile Poisson's ratio	$\nu_{yx}$									0.018	0.02	0.016		ASTM D-3039
		Long. thermal conductivity	$K_x$	(1)								0.21	0.253	0.30		Kohlrausch
		Trans. thermal conductivity	$K_y$	(1)								0.026	0.031	0.041		Kohlrausch
		Thru thickness thermal cond.	$K_z$	(1)								0.026	0.033	0.04		
		Specific heat	$C_p$	(2)								0.10	0.20	0.26		ASTM E-1269
		Longitudinal CTE	$\alpha_x$	(3)									-0.07			ASTM E-228
		Transverse CTE	$\alpha_y$	(3)									17.42			ASTM E-228
		Thru thickness CTE	$\alpha_z$	(3)												

Notes: (\*\*) - Strain to failure; (1) Btu/(hr·in·°F); (2) Btu/(lb·°F); (3)  $\mu\text{in./in.}^\circ\text{F}$

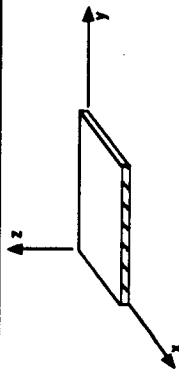


Table 2.3-2 Graphite/Thermoplastic: IM7/PEEK [0, ±45, 90]<sub>s</sub>

ASTM D-3039 - Standard Test Method for Determining the Thermal Properties of Thermoplastic Resins [0, 140, 200]

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PROPERTIES										TEMPERATURE ( °F )			Std. Dev. / No. of Specimens at RT	Test Method		
MECHANICAL & THERMAL										-150	Room	250				
PHYSICAL																
Density ( lb / in <sup>3</sup> )	<div><div></div><div>0.0569</div></div>									$\sigma_x^T$	ksi	130.97	130.3	114.5	ASTM D-3039	
Fiber volume fraction	<div><div></div><div>62.0</div></div>									$\sigma_y^T$	ksi	145.4	134.8	116.4	ASTM D-3039	
Void volume fraction	<div><div></div><div>≤ 0.5</div></div>									$\sigma_x^{CU}$	ksi	96.85	67.7	55.06	ASTM D-3410	
Nominal ply thickness	In 0.005									$\sigma_y^{CU}$	ksi	61.25	49.0	39.0	ASTM D-3410	
Max. cont. use temp.	°F									IPSS	ksi	44.72	45.2	33.1	10° Off Axis	
Ply Orientation $\theta$	[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>									ILSS	ksi	9.48	11.45	7.95	ASTM D-2344	
OPTICAL & ELECTRICAL ( at room temperature )										Longitudinal tensile strain **	$\epsilon_x^T$	%			ASTM D-3039	
										Transverse tensile strain **	$\epsilon_y^T$	%			ASTM D-3039	
										Longitudinal comp. strain **	$\epsilon_x^C$	%			ASTM D-3410	
										Transverse comp. strain **	$\epsilon_y^C$	%			ASTM D-3410	
										Longitudinal tensile modulus	$E_x$	Msi	7.17	7.3	7.26	ASTM D-3039
<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>										Transverse tensile modulus	$E_y$	Msi	7.57	7.71	7.3	ASTM D-3039
										Longitudinal comp. modulus	$E_x$	Msi	9.13	7.1	7.7	ASTM D-3410
										Transverse comp. modulus	$E_y$	Msi	8.98	9.36	8.71	ASTM D-3410
										In-plane shear modulus	G	Msi	2.91	2.70	2.46	10° Off-Axis
										Longitudinal flexural modulus	$F_x$	Msi		13.5		ASTM D-790M
										Transverse flexural modulus	$F_y$	Msi		3.2		ASTM D-790M
										Long. tensile Poisson's ratio	$\nu_{xy}$		0.291	0.291	0.33	ASTM D-3039
										Trans. tensile Poisson's ratio	$\nu_{yx}$		0.31	0.334	0.31	ASTM D-3039
										Long. thermal conductivity	$K_x$	(1)	0.13	0.158	0.18	Kohlrausch
										Trans. thermal conductivity	$K_y$	(1)	0.109	0.151	0.155	Kohlrausch
										Thru thickness thermal cond.	$K_z$	(1)	0.22	0.033	0.041	
										Specific heat	$C_p$	(2)	0.10	0.20	0.26	ASTM E-1269
										Longitudinal CTE	$\alpha_x$	(3)		1.37		ASTM E-228
										Transverse CTE	$\alpha_y$	(3)		1.16		ASTM E-228
										Thru thickness CTE	$\alpha_z$	(3)				

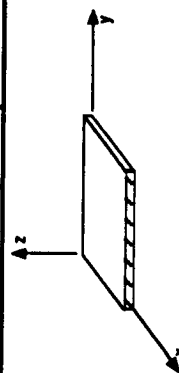
Notes: (\*\*) - Strain to failure; (1) Btu/(hr·in·°F); (2) Btu/(lb·°F); (3) μin./in.°F

Table 2.3-3 Graphite/Thermoplastic: IM7/PEEK [ $\pm 30, 0_4$ ]<sub>s</sub>

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PHYSICAL		PROPERTIES										TEMPERATURE ( °F )			Std. Dev. / No. of Specimens at RT	Test Method
		MECHANICAL & THERMAL										-150	Room	250		
Density ( lb / in <sup>3</sup> )	$\times$	0.0569	Longitudinal Tensile Strength	$\sigma_x^{TU}$	ksi		Transverse Tensile Strength	$\sigma_y^{TU}$	ksi			304.4	297.4	238.7		ASTM D-3039
Fiber volume fraction	$\times$	62.0	Longitudinal Comp. Strength	$\sigma_x^{CU}$	ksi		Transverse comp. strength	$\sigma_y^{CU}$	ksi			15.57	14.72	12.6		ASTM D-3039
Void volume fraction	$\times$	$\leq 0.5$	In-plane shear strength	IPSS	ksi		Interlaminar shear strength	ILSS	ksi			154.2	127.6	106.38		ASTM D-3410
Nominal ply thickness	In	0.005	Longitudinal tensile strain **	$\epsilon_x^T$	%		In-plane shear strength					39.13	23.0	18.9		ASTM D-3410
Max. cont. use temp.	°F		Transverse tensile strain **	$\epsilon_y^T$	%		Longitudinal comp. strain **	$\epsilon_x^C$	%			34.6	36.3	25.7		10° Off Axis
Ply Orientation $\theta$	[ $\pm 45, 0_4$ ] <sub>s</sub>		Transverse comp. strain **	$\epsilon_y^C$	%		Longitudinal tensile modulus	$E_x$	Msi			17.68	16.5	10.51		ASTM D-2344
OPTICAL & ELECTRICAL ( at room temperature )		$\alpha_s$	Longitudinal tensile modulus	$E_y$	Msi		Transverse tensile modulus	$E_x$	Msi							ASTM D-3039
			Transverse tensile modulus	$E_y$	Msi		Longitudinal comp. modulus	$E_x$	Msi			17.32	18.1	18.81		ASTM D-3039
Solar Absorptance			Longitudinal comp. modulus	$E_y$	Msi		Transverse comp. modulus	$E_x$	Msi			1.69	1.62	1.15		ASTM D-3039
Normal Emissivity			Transverse comp. modulus	$E_y$	Msi		In-plane shear modulus	G	Msi			16.39	17.2	15.94		ASTM D-3410
		$\epsilon_N$	Longitudinal flexural modulus	$F_x$	Msi		Longitudinal flexural modulus	$F_y$	Msi			2.0	1.9	1.41		ASTM D-3410
			Transverse flexural modulus	$F_y$	Msi		Longitudinal flexural modulus	$F_x$	Msi			2.04	1.93	1.81		10° Off-Axis
			Long. tensile Poisson's ratio	$\nu_{xy}$			Transverse flexural modulus	$F_y$	Msi			11..21				ASTM D-790M
			Trans. tensile Poisson's ratio	$\nu_{yx}$			Long. tensile Poisson's ratio	$\nu_{xy}$				2.0				ASTM D-790M
			Long. thermal conductivity	$K_x$	(1)		Trans. thermal conductivity	$K_y$	(1)			1.09	1.02			ASTM D-3039
			Thru thickness thermal cond.	$K_z$	(1)		Thru thickness thermal cond.	$K_z$	(1)			0.080	0.084	0.093		ASTM D-3039
			Specific heat	$C_p$	(2)		Specific heat	$C_p$	(2)			0.194	0.24	0.27		Kohlrausch
			Longitudinal CTE	$\alpha_x$	(3)		Longitudinal CTE	$\alpha_x$	(3)			0.047	0.055	0.058		Kohlrausch
			Transverse CTE	$\alpha_y$	(3)		Transverse CTE	$\alpha_y$	(3)			0.028	0.034	0.041		
			Thru thickness CTE	$\alpha_z$	(3)		Thru thickness CTE	$\alpha_z$	(3)			0.10	0.20	0.26		ASTM E-1269
												-0.62				ASTM E-228
												12.56				ASTM E-228

Notes: (\*\*) - Strain to failure; (1) Btu/(hr·in·°F); (2) Btu/(lb·°F); (3)  $\mu\text{in./in.}^\circ\text{F}$



### **3.0 25 V/O DISCONTINUOUS SiC/Al**

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Discontinuous SiC/Al composites offer higher specific stiffness, a lower CTE, and an improved temperature capability compared to conventional metals used for spacecraft structural applications. In addition these composites have isotropic properties and can be readily fabricated into complex shaped structural components and attachment fittings. Therefore, 25 v/o SiC<sub>p</sub>/2124-T6 and 25 v/o SiC<sub>w</sub>/2124-T6 flat panels were procured to generate material property test data at three different temperatures: RT, -150° and 250°F. The material property tests at RT were performed during 1987-1990 technical effort, and documented in the NASA report #187472 entitled " Composite Materials for Space Applications" (65) (included in the summary tables at the end of this chapter). The fabrication data and the results of product evaluation, mechanical and thermophysical property tests performed at -150° and 250°F are discussed in this chapter.

#### **3.1 FLAT PANELS**

- 25 v/o SiC<sub>p</sub>/2124-T6 and
- 25 v/o SiC<sub>w</sub>/2124-T6

##### **3.1.1 Fabrication Data**

The particulate and whisker reinforced composite panels were procured from ACMC to generate representative data of SOA materials from a different batch that was used to generate room temperature material property test data. All the panels were fabricated by conventional powder metallurgy technique which included consolidation of billets followed by hot extrusion and hot rolling steps. After final hot rolling step, each panel was heat treated to -T6 condition.



Material:	25 v/o SiC <sub>p</sub> /2124-T6	25 v/o SiC <sub>w</sub> /2124-T6
Fabrication Process:	Powder metallurgy/hot extrusion and rolling	Powder metallurgy/hot extrusion and rolling
Manufacturer:	ACMC, SC	ACMC, SC
Base Matrix :	Atomized 2009 Al powder	
Dimension:	16-in. x 16-in. x 0.065-in. (from ACMC, SC)	16-in. x 16-in. x 0.065-in.
Warpage:	0.375-in./12-in. maximum	0.375-in./12-in. maximum
Lot No.:	239-01A	240-01-A
Martin Marietta ID:	(25PA)(CQ)(AP)	(25WA)(CQ)(AP)

### 3.1.2 Product Evaluation

#### (a) Density

- 25 v/o SiC<sub>p</sub>/2124-T6: 0.101 lb/in<sup>3</sup>  
Std. Dev.: 0.0005
- 25v/o SiC<sub>w</sub>/2124-T6: 0.101 lb/in<sup>3</sup>  
Std. Dev.: 0.0003

#### (b) Reinforcement Volume

- SiC<sub>p</sub>/2124-T6: v/o: 25.22%  
Std. Dev.: 0.8
- SiC<sub>w</sub>/2124-T6: v/o: 25.3%  
Std. Dev.: 1.1

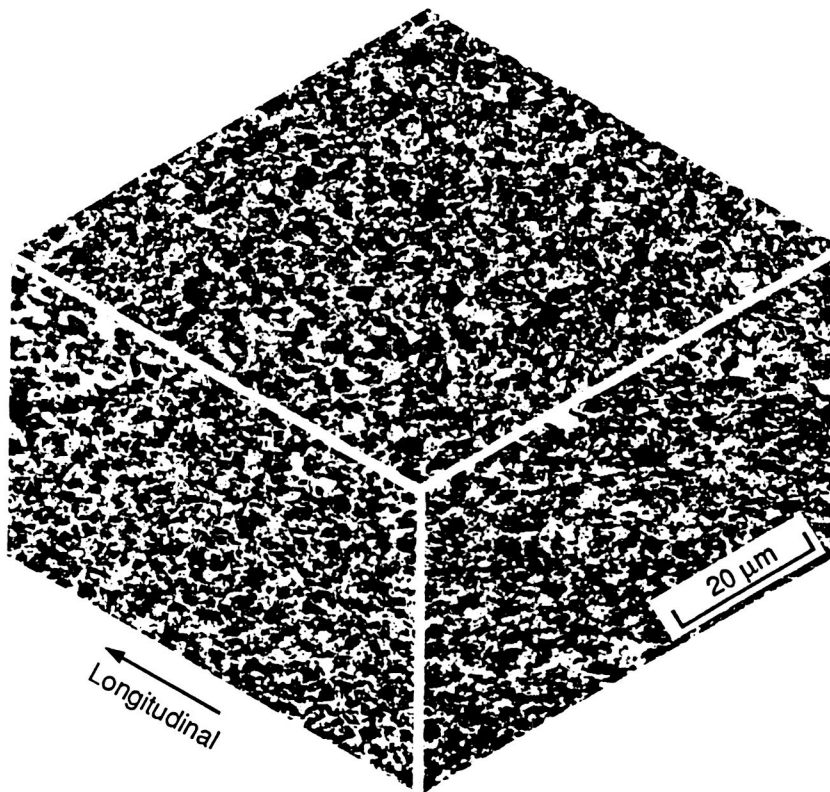
In each case, void volume ≤0.1%

(c) Non-Destructive Evaluation

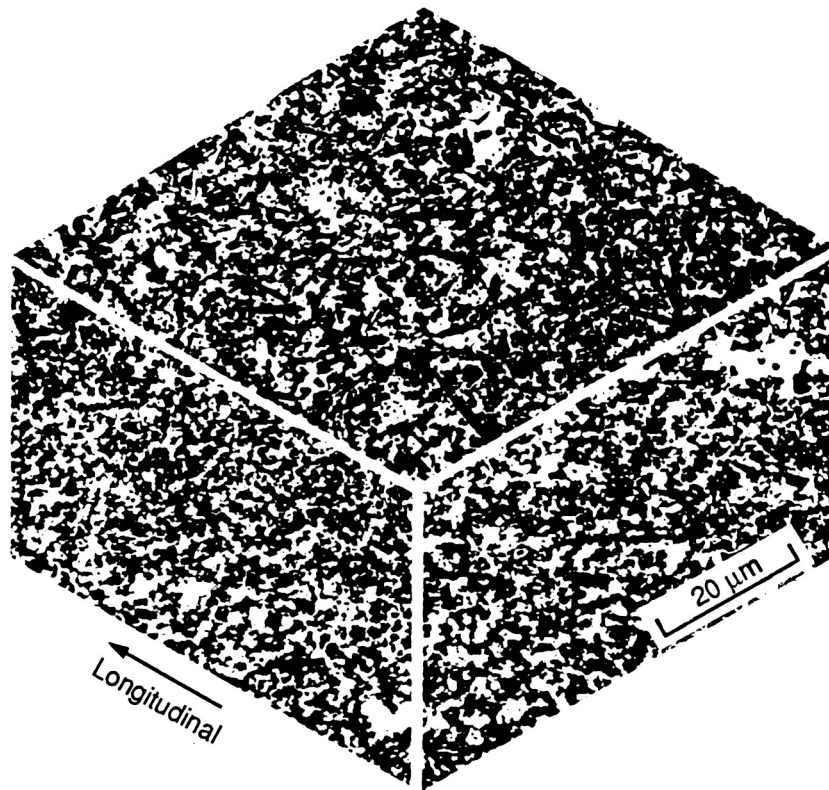
Based on visual examination, surface quality of each panel was good without voids and scratches. Also, in X-radiographs and ultrasonic C-scans of the panels, no voids, cracks, impurity stringers, or related defects were detected.

(d) Microstructure

Typical microstructures of both particulate and whisker reinforced composites are shown in Figure 3.1-1 and 3.1-2 respectively. These microstructures indicate that the overall reinforcement distribution is nearly uniform in both composites. In the particulate reinforced panels the average particle size was  $3\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ . In  $\text{SiC}_w/\text{Al}$  panels, the average aspect ratio of whiskers was 12.6 ( $10 - 12\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  length and  $0.6 - 1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  diameter).



**Figure 3.1-1 Three Dimensional Microstructure of 25 v/o  $\text{SiC}_p/2124\text{-T6 Al}$**



**Figure 3.1-2 Three Dimensional Microstructure of 25 v/o SiC<sub>w</sub>/2124-T6 Al**

### **3.1.3 Mechanical Properties**

Tension, compression, flexure, and inplane (Iosipescu) shear test results from both the 25 v/o SiC<sub>p</sub> and SiC<sub>w</sub>/2124-T6 panels were determined at -150° and 250°F. These test results are discussed below.

#### **(a) Tension**

**25 v/o SiC<sub>p</sub>/2124-T6:** Longitudinal and transverse tensile properties of these composites at -150°F and 250°F are listed in Table 3.1-1 and 3.1-2 respectively. In these tests, the stress-strain response of each specimen exhibited the elastic-plastic response, similar to RT tests.

**Table 3.1-1- Longitudinal Tensile Properties of 25 v/o SiC<sub>p</sub>/2124-T6**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (25PA) (CQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^T$ (Msi)	Yield Strength (ksi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
TNL-1	17.22	70.73	90.24	0.293
TNL-2	16.48	74.76	93.90	0.295
TNL-3	17.41	74.09	93.37	0.310
TNL-4	15.95	74.54	92.42	0.283
TNL-5	16.73	74.22	93.37	0.305
Mean Value	16.76	73.67	92.66	0.297
Std. Dev.	0.58	1.66	1.45	0.010
CV (%)	0.35	2.25	1.56	3.530

(b) at 250°F

Specimen # (25PA) (CQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^T$ (Msi)	Yield Strength (ksi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
TNL-6	16.08	64.05	74.40	0.286
TNL-7	15.83	63.69	73.81	0.279
TNL-8	14.88	64.04	74.11	0.262
TNL-9	15.95	62.55	72.73	0.263
TNL-10	15.18	63.93	74.40	0.255
Mean Value	15.58	63.65	73.89	0.269
Std. Dev.	0.52	0.63	0.69	0.013
CV (%)	3.33	0.99	0.93	4.830

**Table 3.1-2 Transverse Tensile Properties of 25 v/o SiC<sub>p</sub>/2124-T6**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (25PA) (CQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^T$ (Msi)	Yield Strength (ksi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
TNT-1	16.62	74.21	91.22	0.301
TNT-2	15.66	75.00	87.50	0.289
TNT-3	15.65	76.69	93.86	0.276
TNT-4	15.97	74.85	92.63	0.307
TNT-5	16.72	74.25	91.90	0.275
Mean Value	16.12	75.00	91.42	0.289
Std. Dev.	0.51	1.008	2.40	0.015
CV (%)	3.19	1.30	2.60	5.150

(b) at 250°F

Specimen # (25PA) (CQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^T$ (Msi)	Yield Strength (ksi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
TNT-6	15.03	64.29	73.81	0.250
TNT-7	15.29	64.12	72.94	0.263
TNT-8	16.48	65.61	74.39	0.276
TNT-9	15.25	64.94	74.70	0.258
TNT-10	16.18	64.48	74.03	0.257
Mean Value	15.65	64.69	73.97	0.261
Std. Dev.	0.64	0.60	0.67	0.0096
CV (%)	4.09	0.93	0.91	3.680

At -150°F, mean longitudinal elastic modulus (16.75 Msi) and strength (92.6 ksi) values were nearly identical to the transverse modulus (16.12 Msi) and strength (91.42 ksi) values, suggesting random distribution of particulates in the composite. The longitudinal elastic modulus value of 16.75 Msi at -150°F was close to the modulus value of 16.64 Msi obtained at RT from a different batch of material indicating the reproducibility of material and its properties. The measured properties at 250°F also indicate the isotropic behavior of the composite. Mean

mechanical properties (modulus, 0.2% offset yield strength and ultimate tensile strength) are lower than the corresponding values measured at -150°F, due to lower matrix strength at the 250°F test temperature.

**25 v/o SiCw/2124-T6:** Longitudinal and transverse tensile properties of 25 v/o SiCw/2124-T6 at -150°F and 250 °F are listed in Tables 3.1-3 and 3.1-4 respectively. These results indicate a slightly anisotropic response with a longitudinal tensile strength of 108.8 ksi and transverse tensile strength of 94.16 ksi. In addition, the whisker reinforced specimens exhibited tensile strength about 16% higher than the corresponding particulate reinforced composite. Still the measured modulus value obtained at 17.21 Msi at -150°F is nearly identical to the 17.6 Msi value obtained at RT from a different batch of composite material.

Like particulate reinforced composites, the average values of elastic modulus and strength obtained at 250°F are lower than the corresponding values measured at -150°F. In contrast to -150°F test data, the elastic modulus and strength results at +250°F indicate an anisotropic response, suggesting the whiskers align in the longitudinal direction during the exposure at 250°F test.

(b) Compression

**25 v/o SiCp/2124-T6:** Longitudinal and transverse compression test data of the composite specimens tested at -150°F and 250°F are listed in Table 3.1-5 and 3.1-6 respectively. The stress-strain response of each specimen exhibited the elastic-plastic response, similar to RT tests.

Based on these tests, average compressive strength value (109.67 ksi) was slightly higher than the corresponding tensile strength (92.66 ksi) value at -150°F. Measured longitudinal compressive modulus of 17.42 Msi was close (within 6.5% scatter) to the transverse modulus of

**Table 3.1-3 Longitudinal Tensile Properties of 25 v/o SiCw/2124-T6**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (25WA) (CQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^T$ (Msi)	Yield Strength (ksi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
TNL-1	17.35	80.350	113.35	0.275
TNL-2 *	—	—	—	—
TNL-3	18.17	77.850	105.80	0.300
TNL-4	16.45	78.125	108.75	0.305
TNL-5	16.89	78.120	107.50	0.310
Mean Value	17.21	78.610	108.80	0.298
Std. Dev.	0.735	1.165	3.30	0.015
CV (%)	4.27	1.480	3.03	5.200

\* Specimen got damaged during handling

(b) at 250°F

Specimen # (25WA) (CQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^T$ (Msi)	Yield Strength (ksi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
TNL-6	17.95	72.05	91.93	0.303
TNL-7	17.81	72.00	94.38	0.291
TNL-8	17.95	75.15	96.89	0.297
TNL-9	17.36	72.50	91.25	0.280
TNL-10	17.27	71.25	90.63	0.303
Mean Value	17.67	72.59	93.02	0.295
Std. Dev.	0.329	1.50	2.59	0.0096
CV (%)	1.86	2.07	2.80	3.250

**Table 3.1-4 Transverse Tensile Properties of 25 v/o SiC<sub>w</sub>/2124-T6**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (25WA) (CQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^T$ (Msi)	Yield Strength (ksi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
TNT-1	16.82	71.09	96.77	0.310
TNT-2	16.56	69.57	94.72	0.280
TNT-3	17.69	70.32	92.36	0.299
TNT-4	---	---	92.55	---
TNT-5	17.06	68.94	94.41	0.298
Mean Value	17.03	69.98	94.16	0.297
Std. Dev.	0.483	0.93	1.804	0.0124
CV (%)	2.83	1.33	1.91	4.170

(b) at 250°F

Specimen # (25WA) (CQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^T$ (Msi)	Yield Strength (ksi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
TNT-6	15.24	63.75	75.62	0.237
TNT-7	15.24	63.75	76.25	0.268
TNT-8	15.61	64.15	76.73	0.253
TNT-9	15.27	64.15	76.10	0.267
TNT-10	15.17	63.49	75.28	0.255
Mean Value	15.31	63.86	76.00	0.256
Std. Dev.	0.174	0.287	0.56	0.012
CV (%)	1.14	0.45	0.74	4.690



**Table 3.1-5 Longitudinal Compressive Tensile Properties of 25 v/o SiC<sub>p</sub>/2124-T6**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (25PA) (CQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^C$ (Msi)	Yield Strength (ksi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
CML-1	17.87	65.40	97.41	0.277
CML-2	17.11	76.36	104.84	0.239
CML-3	—	—	108.58	—
CML-4	17.23	84.70	131.43	0.229
CML-5	17.46	84.60	106.10	0.257
Mean Value	17.42	77.76	109.67	0.251
Std. Dev.	0.335	9.12	12.86	0.021
CV (%)	1.92	11.7	11.70	8.360

(b) at 250°F

Specimen # (25PA) (CQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^C$ (Msi)	Yield Strength (ksi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
CML-6	16.60	62.80	79.92	0.286
CML-7	15.90	—	70.74	0.270
CML-8	16.10	63.10	72.88	0.262
CML-9	16.40	—	70.02	—
CML-10	15.80	62.90	72.22	0.255
Mean Value	16.16	62.93	73.16	0.268
Std. Dev.	0.336	0.15	3.95	0.013
CV (%)	2.08	0.24	5.40	4.850

**Table 3.1-6 Transverse Compressive Tensile Properties of 25 v/o SiC<sub>p</sub>/2124-T6**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (25PA) (CQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_Y^C$ (Msi)	Yield Strength (ksi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
CMT-1	16.51	85.50	94.70	0.222
CMT-2	16.41	86.00	101.00	0.253
CMT-3	—	—	113.52	0.234
CMT-4	15.90	85.10	127.69	0.267
CMT5	16.28	84.30	109.98	0.300
Mean Value	16.28	85.20	109.38	0.255
Std. Dev.	0.27	0.72	12.60	0.030
CV (%)	1.66	0.84	11.50	11.900

(b) at 250°F

Specimen # (25PA) (CQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_Y^C$ (Msi)	Yield Strength (ksi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
CMT-6	—	63.10	66.18	—
CMT-7	15.39	66.20	72.76	0.276
CMT-8	16.08	—	75.89	0.283
CMT-9	16.02	63.10	73.23	0.279
CMT-10	15.63	62.90	74.15	0.268
Mean Value	15.78	63.83	72.44	0.277
Std. Dev.	0.33	1.59	3.70	0.006
CV (%)	2.09	2.49	5.10	2.300

16.76 Msi at -150°F. Whereas, at 250°F longitudinal compressive modulus of 16.16 Msi was nearly identical to the transverse modulus value of 15.78 Msi, indicating the random distribution of particulates, as was also evident in the microstructural examination. For both particulate and whisker reinforced composites, the average compressive strength (yield and ultimate) decreased with increasing temperature due to the slight decrease (about 8%) in the matrix strength. For example, the ultimate compressive strength value of 109.67 ksi at -150°F compared to the strength of 73.16 ksi at 250°F.

**25 v/o SiCw/2124-T6:** Longitudinal and transverse compressive properties at -150°F and 250°F and listed in Tables 3.1-7 and 3.1-8 respectively. These results indicate that the longitudinal modulus of 17.57 Msi at -150°F is identical to the longitudinal modulus of 17.33 Msi at 250°F. However, the yield and ultimate compressive strength (80.04 and 106.56 ksi respectively) at -150°F are consistently higher than the corresponding yield and ultimate strength (62.65 and 81.28 ksi respectively) at 250°F, due to the increased matrix strength at low temperatures. A comparison of longitudinal and transverse compression test results at 250°F showed an anomalous response in compression modulus measurements: For example:

Longitudinal Compressive Modulus:	17.33 Msi at 250°F
Transverse Compressive Modulus:	14.6 Msi at 250°F

To ascertain that anomalous response is either the typical behavior or due to localized microstructural (such as v/o or whisker alignment) changes, more specimens should be tested.

**Table 3.1-7 Longitudinal Compressive Properties of 25 v/o SiC<sub>w</sub>/2124-T6**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (25WA) (CQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^C$ (Msi)	Yield Strength (ksi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
CML-1	17.70	—	105.57	—
CML-2	17.09	78.77	102.77	0.269
CML-3	—	—	105.51	0.259
CML-4	17.79	79.20	107.13	0.256
CML-5	17.70	82.17	111.83	0.272
Mean Value	17.57	80.04	106.56	0.264
Std. Dev.	0.32	1.85	3.34	0.008
CV (%)	1.82	2.31	3.13	2.910

(b) at 250°F

Specimen # (25WA) (CQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_x^C$ (Msi)	Yield Strength (ksi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{xy}$
CML-6	17.74	62.80	83.06	0.293
CML-7	18.06	—	76.00	0.285
CML-8	16.04	59.90	74.03	0.288
CML-9	17.65	63.80	85.26	0.302
CML-10	17.16	64.10	88.04	0.299
Mean Value	17.33	62.65	81.28	0.293
Std. Dev.	0.785	1.91	6.02	0.007
CV (%)	4.53	3.04	7.40	2.400

**Table 3.1-8 Transverse Compressive Properties of 25 v/o SiC<sub>w</sub>/2124-T6**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (25WA) (CQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_Y^C$ (Msi)	Yield Strength (ksi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
CMT-1	18.30	71.10	96.90	0.310
CMT-2	17.56	73.20	116.10	0.280
CMT-3	—	—	—	—
CMT-4	16.60	74.10	92.60	0.290
CMT-5	17.30	76.60	103.10	0.298
Mean Value	17.44	73.75	102.18	0.295
Std. Dev.	0.702	2.28	10.20	0.013
CV (%)	4.00	3.10	9.98	4.400

(b) at 250°F

Specimen # (25WA) (CQ) (AP)	Elastic Modulus $E_Y^C$ (Msi)	Yield Strength (ksi)	Ultimate Compressive Strength (ksi)	Poisson Ratio $\nu_{yx}$
CMT-6	16.96	—	65.20	0.254
CMT-7	14.72	61.54	66.77	0.262
CMT-8	14.07	—	66.63	0.241
CMT-9	14.30	62.79	66.94	0.253
CMT-10	13.00	60.79	70.00	0.254
Mean Value	14.60	61.70	67.10	0.253
Std. Dev.	1.460	1.01	3.00	0.0075
CV (%)	10.00	1.60	4.50	2.980

(c) Flexure

**25 v/o SiC<sub>p</sub>/2124-T6:** Flexure test results obtained at -150°F and 250°F are listed in Table 3.1-9. These measurements indicate an isotropic response at both the test temperatures. Average flexural modulus value (16.76 Msi) is identical to the tensile modulus (16.75 Msi) value. However, the calculated flexural strength value of 135.9 ksi is higher than the measured tensile strength value of 92.66 ksi at -150°F.

**25 v/o SiC<sub>w</sub>/2124-T6:** Flexure test results of 25 v/o SiC<sub>w</sub> 2124-T6 obtained at -150°F and 250°F are listed in Table 3.1-10. Like particulate reinforced composites, the flexural modulus values (17.59 Msi at -150°F) are nearly identical to the tensile modulus (17.21 Msi at -150°F) values, and the calculated flexural strength values are significantly higher than the measured tensile strength at the test temperature.

(d) Inplane Shear

The shear modulus and strength values of both particulate and whisker reinforced composites were obtained by Iosipescu test method at RT, -150°F and 250°F. The results of longitudinal and transverse specimens of 25 v/o SiC<sub>p</sub>/2124-T6 and 25 v/o SiC<sub>w</sub>/2124-T6 are listed in Table 3.1-11 (at RT), 3.1-12 (at -130°F) and 3.1-13 (at 250°F). These results indicate the following:

- (1) Measured modulus and strength values indicate nearly isotropic response in both the composites at each test temperature. For example:

Test Temperature	Shear Modulus (x, y) (Msi)	
	25 v/o SiC <sub>p</sub> /2124-T6	25 v/o SiC <sub>w</sub> /2124-T6
at Room Temperature	5.94, 5.51	6.19, 5.46
at -150°F	6.00, 5.59	5.40, 5.59
at 250°F	5.03, 5.09	5.23, 5.21

**Table 3.1-9 Flexural Properties of 25 v/o SiC<sub>p</sub>/2124-T6**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (25PA)(CQ)(AP)	Longitudinal Flexural		Specimen # (25PA)(CQ)(AP)	Transverse Flexural	
	Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)		Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)
FXL-1	16.84	133.9	FXT-1	15.29	133.80
FXL-2	17.38	142.7	FXT-2	16.64	134.80
FXL-3	17.10	136.9	FXT-3	17.50	139.98
FXL-4	16.20	135.3	FXT-4	15.32	130.20
FXL-5	16.30	130.6	FXT-5	17.47	135.10
Mean	16.76	135.9	Mean	16.44	134.60
Std. Dev.	0.51	4.5	Std. Dev.	1.09	3.15
CV (%)	3.00	3.3	CV (%)	6.63	2.34

(b) at 250°F

Specimen # (25PA)(CQ)(AP)	Longitudinal Flexural		Specimen # (25PA)(CQ)(AP)	Transverse Flexural	
	Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)		Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)
FXL-1	16.24	137.15	FXT-1	16.98	123.97
FXL-2	16.75	142.38	FXT-2	17.50	131.98
FXL-3	15.92	121.38	FXT-3	16.55	130.06
FXL-4	16.65	121.38	FXT-4	16.24	131.31
FXL-5	16.68	129.39	FXT-5	16.81	143.42
Mean	16.45	130.37	Mean	16.82	132.15
Std. Dev.	0.36	9.39	Std. Dev.	0.47	7.05
CV (%)	2.19	7.20	CV (%)	2.80	5.33

**Table 3.1-10 Flexural Properties of 25 v/o SiC<sub>w</sub>/2124-T6**

(a) at -150°F

Specimen # (25WA)(CQ)(AP)	Longitudinal Flexural		Specimen # (25WA)(CQ)(AP)	Transverse Flexural	
	Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)		Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)
FXL-1	17.18	138.74	FXT-1	17.98	138.74
FXL-2	17.78	143.80	FXT-2	16.65	144.60
FXL-3	18.36	144.36	FXT-3	16.65	134.30
FXL-4	17.15	119.82	FXT-4	16.55	138.46
FXL-5	17.46	145.11	FXT-5	17.18	146.50
Mean	17.59	138.36	Mean	17.00	140.52
Std. Dev.	0.50	10.66	Std. Dev.	0.60	4.96
CV (%)	2.84	7.70	CV (%)	3.50	3.53

(b) at 250°F

Specimen # (25WA)(CQ)(AP)	Longitudinal Flexural		Specimen # (25WA)(CQ)(AP)	Transverse Flexural	
	Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)		Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)
FXL-1	17.11	144.38	FXT-1	16.68	131.98
FXL-2	17.52	144.00	FXT-2	16.69	139.60
FXL-3	17.11	147.00	FXT-3	17.08	134.50
FXL-4	17.54	144.20	FXT-4	16.84	131.80
FXL-5	17.12	149.40	FXT-5	16.45	132.07
Mean	17.28	145.80	Mean	16.75	133.98
Std. Dev.	0.23	2.36	Std. Dev.	0.23	3.32
CV (%)	1.33	1.62	CV (%)	1.37	2.48



**Table 3.1-11 Inplane Shear Properties of Discontinuous SiC/Al at RT**

(a) 25 v/o SiCp/2124-T6

Specimen # (25PA)(CQ)(AP)	Longitudinal Shear		Specimen # (25PA)(CQ)(AP)	Transverse Shear	
	Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)		Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)
IPL-11	5.64	36.46	IPT-11	5.35	42.81
IPL-12	5.86	42.39	IPT-12	5.06	44.31
IPL-13	6.05	42.96	IPT-13	5.70	49.23
IPL-14	6.41	38.27	IPT-14	6.30	50.07
IPL-15	5.76	37.60	IPT-15	5.14	48.18
Mean	5.94	39.54	Mean	5.51	46.92
Std. Dev.	0.30	2.90	Std. Dev.	0.506	3.18
CV (%)	5.00	7.30	CV (%)	9.18	6.77

(b) 25 v/o SiCw/2124-T6

Specimen # (25WA)(CQ)(AP)	Longitudinal Shear		Specimen # (25WA)(CQ)(AP)	Transverse Shear	
	Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)		Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)
IPL-11	6.31	47.10	IPT-11	5.57	46.6
IPL-12	6.10	46.40	IPT-12	6.08	48.8
IPL-13	6.12	37.90	IPT-13	5.01	45.3
IPL-14	5.61	41.60	IPT-14	4.87	41.8
IPL-15	6.83	47.20	IPT-15	5.77	44.6
Mean	6.19	44.00	Mean	5.46	45.4
Std. Dev.	0.44	4.14	Std. Dev.	0.51	2.58
CV (%)	7.10	9.40	CV (%)	9.40	5.70

**Table 3.1-12 Inplane Shear Properties of Discontinuous SiC/Al at -150°F**

(a) 25 v/o SiCp/2124-T6

Specimen # (25PA)(CQ)(AP)	Longitudinal Shear		Specimen # (25PA)(CQ)(AP)	Transverse Shear	
	Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)		Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)
IPL-1	5.34	44.64	IPT-1	6.10	47.46
IPL-2	5.62	29.12	IPT-2	5.22	38.69
IPL-3	6.19	35.85	IPT-3	5.35	46.77
IPL-4	6.84	32.28	IPT-4	5.17	48.04
IPL-5	—	29.81	IPT-5	6.11	39.78
Mean	6.00	34.34	Mean	5.59	44.20
Std. Dev.	0.66	6.33	Std. Dev.	0.47	4.58
CV (%)	11.10	18.40	CV (%)	8.40	10.36

(b) 25 v/o SiCw/2124-T6

Specimen # (25WA)(CQ)(AP)	Longitudinal Shear		Specimen # (25WA)(CQ)(AP)	Transverse Shear	
	Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)		Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)
IPL-1	5.06	44.10	IPT-1	6.02	50.60
IPL-2	5.27	49.70	IPT-2	5.60	41.03
IPL-3	5.44	46.50	IPT-3	5.57	49.83
IPL-4	5.60	49.60	IPT-4	5.16	51.18
IPL-5	5.61	51.00	IPT-5	—	47.04
Mean	5.40	48.20	Mean	5.59	47.94
Std. Dev.	0.23	2.82	Std. Dev.	0.35	4.17
CV (%)	4.30	5.80	CV (%)	6.30	8.70

**Table 3.1-13 Inplane Shear Properties of Discontinuous SiC/Al at 250°F**

(a) 25 v/o SiCp/2124-T6

Specimen # (25PA)(CQ)(AP)	Longitudinal Shear		Specimen # (25PA)(CQ)(AP)	Transverse Shear	
	Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)		Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)
IPL-1	5.34	44.64	IPT-1	6.10	47.46
IPL-2	5.62	29.12	IPT-2	5.22	38.69
IPL-3	6.19	35.85	IPT-3	5.35	46.77
IPL-4	6.84	32.28	IPT-4	5.17	48.04
IPL-5	—	29.81	IPT-5	6.11	39.78
Mean	6.00	34.34	Mean	5.59	44.20
Std. Dev.	0.66	6.33	Std. Dev.	0.47	4.58
CV (%)	11.10	18.40	CV (%)	8.40	10.36

(b) 25 v/o SiCw/2124-T6

Specimen # (25WA)(CQ)(AP)	Longitudinal Shear		Specimen # (25WA)(CQ)(AP)	Transverse Shear	
	Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)		Modulus (Msi)	Strength (ksi)
IPL-1	5.06	44.10	IPT-1	6.02	50.60
IPL-2	5.27	49.70	IPT-2	5.60	41.03
IPL-3	5.44	46.50	IPT-3	5.57	49.83
IPL-4	5.60	49.60	IPT-4	5.16	51.18
IPL-5	5.61	51.00	IPT-5	—	47.04
Mean	5.40	48.20	Mean	5.59	47.94
Std. Dev.	0.23	2.82	Std. Dev.	0.35	4.17
CV (%)	4.30	5.80	CV (%)	6.30	8.70

- Longitudinal shear Strength:** 44.0 ksi at RT;  
48.2 ksi at -150°F; and  
46.30 ksi at 250°F for 25 v/o SiC<sub>w</sub>/2124-T6

- ### 3.2 SUMMARY OF 25 V/O DISCONTINUOUS SIC/AL TEST DATA

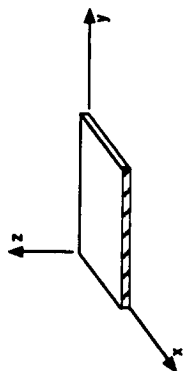
**Mechanical and thermophysical property test data of 25 v/o discontinuous SiC/2124-T6 are summarized in the following tables:**

25 w/o SiC<sub>p</sub>/2124-T6 Al Panel: Table 3.2-1

25 w/o SiC<sub>w</sub>/2124-T6 Al Panel: Table 3.2-2

Table 3.2-1 25 v/o SiCp/Al 2124-T6 Panels \*

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PHYSICAL		PROPERTIES										TEMPERATURE (°F)			Std. Dev. / No. of Specimens at RT	Test Method
		MECHANICAL & THERMAL										-150	Room	250		
Density (lb / in <sup>3</sup> )												ksi				
Fiber volume fraction																
Void volume fraction																
Nominal ply thickness																
Max. cont. use temp.																
OPTICAL & ELECTRICAL (at room temperature)																
Solar Absorptance																
Normal Emissivity																
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<p>* RT Test Panels (0.040-in. thick) were from a different batch than the -150°F and 250°F test panels (0.060-in. thick)</p>																

Notes: (\*\*) - Strain to failure; (1) Btu/(hr-in.<sup>2</sup>°F); (2) Btu/(lb-°F); (3) μin./in./°F

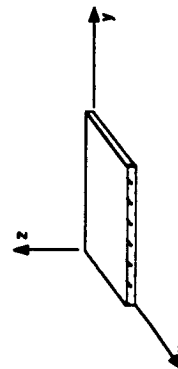
Table 3.2-2 25 v/o SiCw/Al 2124-T6 Panels \*

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PROPERTIES										TEMPERATURE ( °F )			Std. Dev. / No. of Specimens at RT	Test Method
PHYSICAL				MECHANICAL & THERMAL					-150	Room	250			
Density ( lb / in <sup>3</sup> )	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>		0.101	Longitudinal Tensile Strength	$\sigma_x^T$	ksi			108.8	102.0	93.02	± 4.62 / 5	ASTM D-3552	
Fiber volume fraction	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>		0.25	Transverse Tensile Strength	$\sigma_y^T$	ksi			94.16	97.4	76.0	± 1.54 / 5	ASTM D-3552	
Void volume fraction	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>		<0.001	Longitudinal Comp. Strength	$\sigma_x^C$	ksi			106.56	102.5	81.28	± 1.57 / 4	ASTM D-3410	
Nominal ply thickness	In		0.060	Transverse comp. strength	$\sigma_y^C$	ksi			102.18	91.0	67.11	± 2.13 / 5	ASTM D-3410	
Max. cont. use temp.	°F		~550	In-plane shear strength	IPSS	ksi			48.2	44.0	46.0			
OPTICAL & ELECTRICAL ( at room temperature )				Interlaminar shear strength	ILSS	ksi								
				Longitudinal tensile strain **	$\epsilon_x^T$	%			1.62			± 0.15 / 5	ASTM D-3552	
				Transverse tensile strain **	$\epsilon_y^T$	%			1.83			± 0.048 / 5	ASTM D-3552	
				Longitudinal comp. strain **	$\epsilon_x^C$	%			1.11			± 0.025 / 4	ASTM D-3410	
				Transverse comp. strain **	$\epsilon_y^C$	%			1.26			± 0.096 / 5	ASTM D-3410	
Solar Absorbance	$\alpha$		0.57	Longitudinal tensile modulus	$E_x$	Msi		17.21	17.6	17.67		± 0.415 / 5	ASTM D-3552	
Normal Emissivity	$\epsilon$		0.150	Transverse tensile modulus	$E_y$	Msi		17.03	16.42	15.31		± 0.295 / 5	ASTM D-3552	
				Longitudinal comp. modulus	$E_x$	Msi		17.57	18.15	17.33	± 0.265 / 4	ASTM D-3410		
Electrical Resistivity	R	8.5 $\mu\Omega$ -cm		Transverse comp. modulus	$E_y$	Msi		17.44	16.5	14.61		± 0.33 / 5	ASTM D-3410	
				In-plane shear modulus	G	Msi		6.19	5.40	5.23				
				Longitudinal flexural modulus	$F_x$	Msi		17.59	13.1	17.2	± 0.208 / 3	ASTM D-790M		
				Transverse flexural modulus	$F_y$	Msi		17.0	11.8	16.75	± 0.0577 / 3	ASTM D-790M		
				Long. tensile Poisson's ratio	$\nu_{xy}$	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>		0.298	0.2934	0.295	+ 0.0136 / 5	ASTM D-3552		
				Trans. tensile Poisson's ratio	$\nu_{yx}$	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>		0.297	0.2717	0.256	+ 0.00651 / 5	ASTM D-3552		
				Long. thermal conductivity	$K_x$	(1)			4.87				Kohlrausch	
				Trans. thermal conductivity	$K_y$	(1)			4.71				Kohlrausch	
				Thru thickness thermal cond.	$K_z$	(1)			4.57					
				Specific heat	$C_p$	(2)			0.199				ASTM E1269	
				Longitudinal CTE	$\alpha_x$	(3)			8.03				ASTM E-80	
				Transverse CTE	$\alpha_y$	(3)			7.77				ASTM E-80	
				Thru thickness CTE	$\alpha_z$	(3)			---					

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Notes: (\*\*) - Strain to failure; (1) Btu/(hr.in.<sup>2</sup>.°F); (2) Btu/(lb.<sup>2</sup>.°F); (3)  $\mu$ in./in.<sup>2</sup>.°F



\* RT Test Panels (0.040-in. thick) were from a different batch than the -150°F and 250°F test panels (0.060-in. thick)

## **APPENDIX A**

### **A.0 MATERIAL PROPERTY TEST DATA**

#### **A.1 INTRODUCTION**

Extensive mechanical and thermophysical property tests of various SOA composites have been conducted, and a reliable database has been constructed for spacecraft material selection. The composites included GRAPHITE/EPOXY (Gr/E), graphite/thermoplastic (Gr/TP), Graphite/thermoplastics (Gr/TP), discontinuous silicon carbide/aluminum (SiC/Al), graphite/aluminum (Gr/Al), graphite/magnesium (Gr/Mg), carbon/glass (C/GI), and C/C materials. Of the test methods, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standards were used whenever they were applicable. In the absence of an ASTM Standard, DoD/NASA, Thermophysical Property Research Laboratory (TPRL), or Martin Marietta Astronautics Group recommended test methods were used.

Material property results for the majority of the as-fabricated composites were consistent with the predicted values, providing a measure of consolidation integrity attained during fabrication. To determine the effect of thermal cycling on mechanical properties and dimensional stability, approximately 500 composite specimens were exposed to ~10,000 cycles between -150°F and +150°F. These specimens were placed in a large (18-ft<sup>3</sup> workspace) thermal cycling chamber that was specially designed and fabricated in this program to simulate one year orbital thermal cycling (i.e., about 5840 cycles between -150°F and +150°F in low earth orbit (LEO) in 20 days. With this rate of thermal cycling, this is the largest thermal cycling unit in the country.

Reference specimens of each composite were also cycled in this chamber to examine the

extent of microcracking as a result of thermal cycling. After 10,000 thermal cycles, only a few new microcracks and delaminations were observed in the organic matrix composite (OMC) laminates indicating that the thermal stresses were mostly accommodated by the microcracks that were generated during the consolidation process. In unidirectional Gr/E, discontinuous SiC/Al, Gr/Al, C/GI, and C/C no new cracks were detected. Material property measurements of the Gr/E, Gr/TP, and C/TP laminate specimens exhibited less than 25% decrease in strength, whereas, the remaining materials exhibited less than 8% decrease in strength. The thermal expansion response of each of the thermal cycled specimens revealed significant reduction in hysteresis and residual strain, and the average CTE values were close to the predicted values.

## **A.2 TEST DATA SUMMARY**

The average mechanical and thermophysical properties obtained from room temperature tests of as-fabricated composites are summarized in Table A.2-1 and details of these results are discussed in Chapters 2 to 10 of NASA CR #187472. Measured properties of the composites are in agreement with the values predicted from the simple rule of mixture (ROM) equations (Appendix C) and the laminate properties estimated by the computer analysis (GENLAM). Quantitative comparison for each composite system are presented in respective chapters. In the modulus and strength measurements, the coefficient of variation (CV) is less than 6%, whereas in Poisson ratio and strain to failure measurements the CV is about 12%. This level of scatter is reasonable to expect in SOA composites. Of the various tests, in general compressive property measurements indicated more scatter in the data than other mechanical and thermophysical property tests. The extent of scatter in compressive properties can be attributed both to the test method (Celanese compression - using 0.5 in. gauge length) and to inherent material response.

Overall, the reasonable agreement between the measured and predicted properties (Table A.2-2)



**Table A.2-1 As-Fabricated Composite Materials Tested at Room Temperature**

MATERIAL PROPERTY		Gr/Ep P75/1962	Gr/Ep P75/1962	Gr/TP P75/PEEK	Gr/TP AS4/PES	Gr/TP AS4/PES
Density	$\rho$	lb/in <sup>3</sup>				
Fiber Volume Fraction	$V_f$		0.0624	0.0625	0.0628	0.0578
Nominal Ply Thickness	$t$	in.	0.622	0.627	0.622	0.537
Max. Continuous Use Temp.	$T$	°F	0.00463	0.00458	0.005	0.005
Ply Orientation	$\theta$	deg	260	260	250	250
Longitudinal Tensile Strength	$\sigma_x^T$	ksi	[0/45/90/-45] <sub>s</sub>	[30/-30/0]_s	[0/±45/90] <sub>s</sub>	[30/-30/0]_s
Transverse Tensile Strength	$\sigma_y^T$	ksi	44.6	85.5	68.77	80.34
Longitudinal Comp. Strength	$\sigma_x^C$	ksi	50.1	4.4	43.2	77.69
Transverse Comp. Strength	$\sigma_y^C$	ksi	26.5	54.3	21.35	51.38
Interlaminar Shear Strength	$\tau_{xy}^{ILSS}$	ksi	27.6	17.7	21.75	30.36
Longitudinal Tensile Strain	$\epsilon_x^T$	---	5.03	6.38	4.78	7.41
Transverse Tensile Strain	$\epsilon_y^T$	---	0.261	0.243	0.263	1.35
Longitudinal Tensile Modulus	$E_x^T$	Msi	0.301	0.23	0.286	1.18
Transverse Tensile Modulus	$E_y^T$	Msi	15.2	32.68	13.3	6.38
Longitudinal Comp Modulus	$E_x^C$	Msi	15.2	1.79	14.0	6.51
Transverse Comp Modulus	$E_y^C$	Msi	13.9	27.64	9.02	5.82
In-Plane Shear Modulus	$G$	Msi	13.6	1.73	9.36	5.63
Longitudinal Flexural Modulus	$F_x$	Msi	---	---	---	---
Transverse Flexural Modulus	$F_y$	Msi	15.17	14.56	12.05	9.26
Long. Tensile Poisson's Ratio	$\nu_{xy}$	---	6.35	1.90	0.943	1.68
Trans. Tensile Poisson's Ratio	$\nu_{yx}$	---	0.3066	1.2122	0.3487	0.2918
Long. Thermal Conductivity	$K_x$	(1)	0.3146	0.0825	0.3378	0.3240
Trans. Thermal Conductivity	$K_y$	(1)	2.1	3.97	2.23	0.11
Specific Heat	$C_p$	(2)	2.11	0.40	0.38	0.19
Longitudinal CTE	$\alpha_x$	(2)	0.193	0.193	0.193	0.197
Transverse CTE	$\alpha_y$	(3)	-0.454	-1.02	-0.39	1.08
			-0.014	+5.83	10.17	1.38

(1) Btu/(hr-in.°F); (2) Btu/(lb-°F); (3)  $\mu\text{in./in.}^\circ\text{F}$

**Table A.2-1 As-Fabricated Composite Materials Tested at Room Temperature (Cont')**

MATERIAL PROPERTY		MMC's SiC <sub>p</sub> /2124 Al	MMC's SiC <sub>w</sub> /2124 Al	MMC's SiC <sub>p</sub> /2124 Al	MMC's SiC <sub>p</sub> /2124 Al	Gr/Metals P100/6061 Al	Gr/Metals P100/AZ91CMg
Density	$\rho$	lb/in <sup>3</sup>					
Fiber Volume Fraction	$V_f$		0.104	0.104	0.106	0.090	0.0683
Nominal Ply Thickness	$t$	in.	25	25	35	0.422	0.301
Max. Continuous Use Temp.	$T$	°F	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.0216	0.0125
Ply Orientation	$\theta$	deg	550	550	550	550	550
Longitudinal Tensile Strength	$\sigma_x^T$	ksi	N/A	N/A	N/A	101 <sub>2</sub>	116 <sub>1</sub>
Transverse Tensile Strength	$\sigma_y^T$	ksi	84.5	102.0	96.5	85.7	131.3
Longitudinal Comp. Strength	$\sigma_x^C$	ksi	77.5	97.4	97.0	57.7	3.62
Transverse Comp. Strength	$\sigma_y^C$	ksi	80.8	102.5	103.3	97.0	46.62
Interlaminar Shear Strength	ILSS	ksi	75.8	91.0	103.4	82.4	15.21
Longitudinal Tensile Strain	$\epsilon_x^T$	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transverse Tensile Strain	$\epsilon_y^T$	---	1.258	1.62	1.038	1.0	0.262
Longitudinal Tensile Modulus	$E_x^T$	Msi	1.18	1.83	1.074	0.9	0.0707
Transverse Tensile Modulus	$E_y^T$	Msi	16.64	17.6	19.9	18.8	49.71
Longitudinal Comp Modulus	$E_x^C$	Msi	17.0	16.42	19.4	17.2	5.14
Transverse Comp Modulus	$E_y^C$	Msi	18.5	18.15	20.4	19.22	48.15
In-Plane Shear Modulus	$G$	Msi	17.9	16.5	21.0	17.2	4.82
Longitudinal Flexural Modulus	$F_x$	Msi	---	---	---	---	2.62
Transverse Flexural Modulus	$F_y$	Msi	13.51	13.1	16.9	13.11	26.25
Long. Tensile Poisson's Ratio	$\nu_{xy}$	---	13.02	11.8	17.0	11.8	4.16
Trans. Tensile Poisson's Ratio	$\nu_{yx}$	---	0.267	0.2934	0.2539	0.2711	0.2949
Long. Thermal Conductivity	$K_x$	(1)	0.279	0.2717	0.2481	0.2363	0.0211
Trans. Thermal Conductivity	$K_y$	(1)	5.740	4.87	5.75	4.24	15.278
Specific Heat	$C_p$	(2)	5.616	4.71	5.42	4.28	3.333
Longitudinal CTE	$\alpha_x$	(2)	0.1984	0.199	0.189	0.189	0.194
Transverse CTE	$\alpha_y$	(3)	8.16	8.03	5.86	5.91	-0.27
			7.86	7.77	6.11	6.29	11.37

(1) Btu/(hr·in.·°F); (2) Btu/(lb·°F); (3)  $\mu\text{in./in.}^\circ\text{F}$

**Table A.2-1 As-Fabricated Composite Materials Tested at Room Temperature (Cont')**

MATERIAL PROPERTY		C/Glass HMU/7070	C/Glass HMU/7070	C/C P100/C	C/C P100/C	
Density	$\rho$ lb/in <sup>3</sup>	0.072	0.071	0.060	0.060	
Fiber Volume Fraction	$V_f$	0.44	0.40	0.5248	0.53	
Nominal Ply Thickness	$t$ in.	0.052	0.052	0.017	0.017	
Max. Continuous Use Temp.	$T$ °F	1500	1500	3700	3700	
Ply Orientation	$\theta$ deg	[0] <sub>12</sub>	[0/90] <sub>6</sub>	[0] <sub>3</sub>	[0/90/0]	
Longitudinal Tensile Strength	$\sigma_x^T$ ksi	95.5	>40.9	81.5	44.1	
Transverse Tensile Strength	$\sigma_y^T$ ksi	---	---	2.04	29.0	
Longitudinal Comp. Strength	$\sigma_x^C$ ksi	126.3	86.7	47.8	6.95	
Transverse Comp. Strength	$\sigma_y^C$ ksi	---	78.4	4.6	9.4	
Interlaminar Shear Strength	ILSS ksi	---	3.35	3.47	1.96	
Longitudinal Tensile Strain	$\epsilon_x^T$ ---	0.353	0.405	0.225	0.17	
Transverse Tensile Strain	$\epsilon_y^T$ ---	---	---	0.208	~0.15	
Longitudinal Tensile Modulus	$E_x^T$ Msi	26.43	11.7	43.7	32.4	
Transverse Tensile Modulus	$E_y^T$ Msi	---	---	1.45	20.3	
Longitudinal Comp Modulus	$E_x^C$ Msi	21.3	12.7	39.4	29.1	
Transverse Comp Modulus	$E_y^C$ Msi	---	11.9	1.3	15.5	
In-Plane Shear Modulus	$G$ Msi	2.6	---	1.44	---	
Longitudinal Flexural Modulus	$F_x$ Msi	---	---	---	---	
Transverse Flexural Modulus	$F_y$ Msi	---	---	---	---	
Long. Tensile Poisson's Ratio	$\nu_{xy}$ ---	0.227	0.033	0.3690	0.145	
Trans. Tensile Poisson's Ratio	$\nu_{yx}$ ---	---	---	0.0446	0.1	
Long. Thermal Conductivity	$K_x$ (1)	---	0.83	9.86	6.83	
Trans. Thermal Conductivity	$K_y$ (1)	---	0.83	0.38	3.25	
Specific Heat	$C_p$ (2)	---	0.18	---	0.169	
Longitudinal CTE	$\alpha_x$ (2)	-0.38	-0.075	-0.98	-0.95	
Transverse CTE	$\alpha_y$ (3)	---	---	-0.42	---	

(1) Btu/(hr-in.°F); (2) Btu/(lb-°F); (3)  $\mu$ in./in/°F

**Table A.2-2 Comparison of Measured and Predicted Properties of Selected Composite Materials**

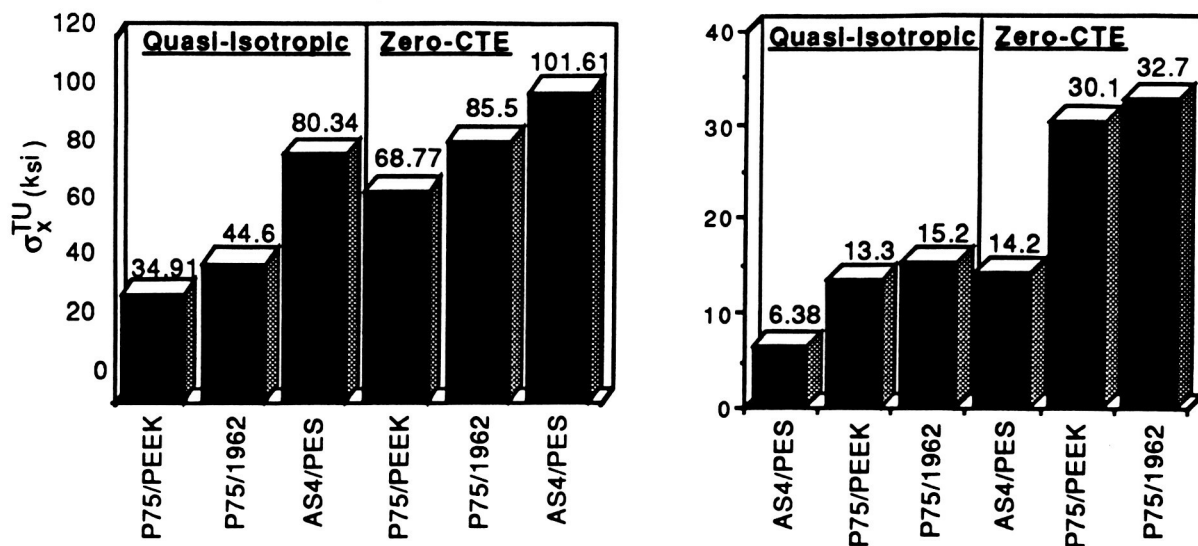
Composite	$E_x^T$ (Msi)		$CTE_x$ (ppm/°F)	
	Measured	Predicted	Measured †	Predicted
P75/1962, v/o = 62.2 [0] <sub>8</sub> [0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	46.3 15.2	46.8 15.8	-0.69 -0.454	-0.60 -0.34
P75/PEEK v/o = 62.2 [0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub> [±30, 0] <sub>4s</sub>	14.0 30.06	16.0 34.5	-0.28 -0.39*	-0.30 -1.01
25 v/o SiC/Al	16.64	16.8	8.16	8.56
P100/6061 Al v/o = 42.2 [0] <sub>2</sub>	49.71	40.9	-0.27 **	0.73

† Slope of a line joining the extreme points (±150°F) of the first cycle thermal expansion curve

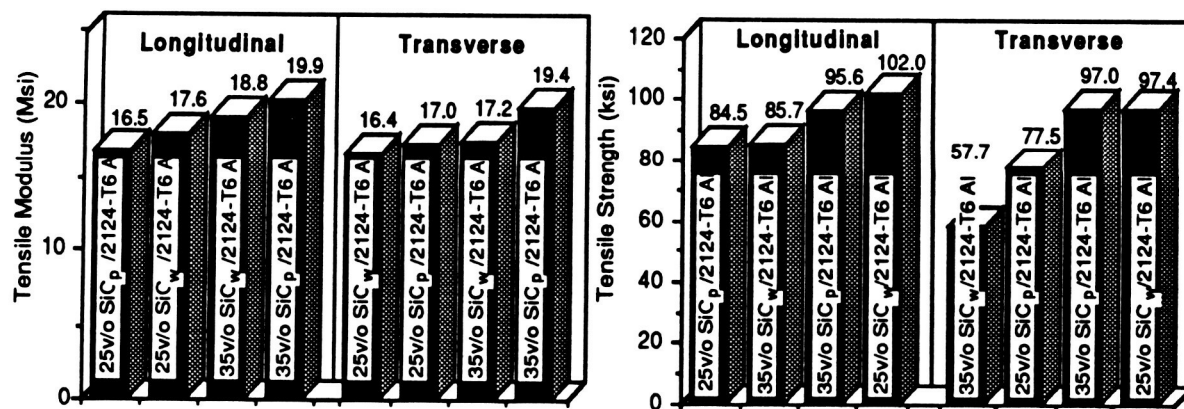
\* After thermal cycling  $CTE_x = -0.81$  ppm/°F

\*\* After thermal cycling  $CTE_x = 0.99$  ppm/°F

and low CV indicated that SOA composites have adequate consolidation quality. For example, of the organic matrix composites, Gr/E composites exhibited higher tensile strength and modulus than Gr/PEEK, for the same fiber orientation and fiber volume (Figure A.2-1). These property differences in terms of processing techniques and microstructural characteristics of GR/PEEK are discussed in chapter 3.0. The AS4/PES panels exhibited slightly lower strength values than expected due to the presence of disbonded and delaminated regions in the as-consolidated laminate. Thus, the presence of any internal defects created during the processing of the composite was verified by the anomalous response in material property tests. Of the discontinuous metal matrix composites (MMC's), 25 v/o SiC<sub>w</sub>/2124-T6 exhibited the expected modulus and strength values and nearly isotropic response (Figure A.2-2), whereas the 35v/o SiC<sub>w</sub>/2124-T6 showed lower than expected modulus in both the longitudinal and transverse direction. Reduced modulus in this composite was attributed to the absence of whisker/matrix bonding in random locations where the whiskers clustered and lacked matrix infiltration during consolidation. Measured mechanical properties of continuous fiber reinforced composites such



**Figure A.2-1 Tensile Modulus and Strength Comparison of Gr/E and Gr/TP Composites**



**Figure A.2-2 Longitudinal and Transverse Modulus Comparison of Discontinuous SiC/Al Composites**

as P100/Al, P100/Mg, and P100/C and C/GI composites were in good agreement with the predicted values.

During thermophysical property tests, each composite exhibited reproducible thermal conductivity, specific heat and electrical resistivity values which were consistent with the expected values. The average CTE values (in Table A.2-2) were obtained by joining the extreme points of thermal expansion response curve in the first cycle ( $RT \rightarrow +150^{\circ}F \rightarrow -150^{\circ}F \rightarrow RT$ ) because it is difficult to assign a single CTE values when it continuously changes with temperature.

For the P75/1962 [0]<sub>g</sub>, discontinuous SiC/Al, HMU/7070, and C/C composites, the measured CTE values were in close agreement with the predicted values. Whereas, in the remaining organic matrix and metal matrix composites, the difference in average CTE and predicted values were attributed to the following two reasons:

- (i) First cycle response was significantly influenced by the residual stress state generated during fabrication, and
- (ii) The push rod dilatometer has relatively poor strain resolution ( $\approx 10$  ppm) compared to 1 ppm for laser interferometric dilatometer (Details in Appendix C).

For example, the P75/PEEK and AS4/PES [0,  $\pm 45$ , 90]<sub>s</sub> laminates do not exhibit nearly quasi-isotropic thermal expansion response (in the first cycle) because of fiber waviness and differences in residual stress state and defect density between the longitudinal and transverse directions. In general, the thermal expansion response of each composite exhibited maximum hysteresis and residual strain in the first cycle. As discussed in the literature (Ref 12, 31, 32, 40, 42, 54, 63-67), the hysteresis and residual strain are gradually reduced as the residual stresses at the reinforcement/matrix interface are relieved during subsequent thermal cycles.

### **A.3 EFFECT OF THERMAL CYCLING ON MATERIAL PROPERTIES**

Thermal stress generated at the reinforcement/matrix interfaces during LEO cycling between -150°F and 150°F can induce microdamage in composites. This microdamage will change the thermal-mechanical properties of the material, and as a result significantly affect the dimensional stability and performance of the composite structure (Ref 11-18). Therefore, to examine the effect of thermal cycling, the technical approach included (1) dimensional change measurements (2) microstructural examination of damage, and (3) material property tests (tension, compression and CTE).

#### **A.3.1 Dimensional Measurements**

Length and width of thermal cycled specimens were determined and compared with their initial dimensions. Dial calipers used for measuring length and micrometers used for measuring width were calibrated, both with a sensitivity of 0.001-in. These measurements indicated that after 10,099 cycles, the transverse test specimens from [30, -30, 0<sub>4</sub>]<sub>s</sub> laminate showed a slightly larger length increase than longitudinal specimens. These differences in transverse and longitudinal specimens were consistent with the changes in CTE due to thermal cycling. While the dimensional changes indicated a trend, their absolute values should be taken with caution for the following reasons (1) sensitivity limitation of the calipers and micrometers; and (2) flatness of edge finish.

#### **A.3.2 Microstructural Examination of Damage**

Initially the edges of a 1-in. x 1-in. reference specimen (from each composite) were polished, and subsequently examined under the optical microscope (at magnification 100x - 500x) to evaluate the damage during cycling. Microstructures of these specimens indicated that there was

a high incidence of microcrack initiation (and extension) in quasi-isotropic and zero-CTE P75/1962, P75/PEEK, and AS4/PES panels. In most cases a pre-existing microcrack propagated, though a few new cracks were also observed. In metal matrix, glass matrix and C/C composites, no detectable increase in the baseline microcrack density was observed. It appears that the thermal stresses generated during cycling of MMC are accommodated by microplastic deformation at the reinforcement matrix interface. Whereas in C/glass and C/C composite, thermal stresses at the interface may not be high enough to induce damage.

### **A.3.3 Material Property Tests**

Material properties of thermal-cycled composites are listed in Table A.3-1. To determine the effect of the thermal cycling, the longitudinal and transverse mechanical properties have been compared with the properties of the as-fabricated composites in Tables A.3-2 and A.3-3 respectively. These results indicated  $\leq 25\%$  reduction in the tensile strength of the quasi-isotropic Gr/E, and zero-CTE Gr/E and AS4/PES laminates, whereas the Gr/PEEK composites exhibited no degradation of tensile or compressive properties. The mechanical property responses of thermal cycled Gr/Al, SiC<sub>p</sub>/Al, C/C and C/Gl composites were nearly similar to the responses obtained in as-fabricated composites. In the case of SiC<sub>w</sub>/Al, there was about a 10% decrease in strength without any significant change in the elastic modulus.

The CTE values of thermal cycled and as-fabricated composites are listed in Table A.3-4. As expected, the thermal expansion of cycled specimens exhibited reduced residual strain and RT hysteresis. The average CTE values were more consistent with the predicted values, as the residual stresses were relieved during cycling. For example the  $[0, 45, 90, -45]_s$  Gr/E, Gr/TP laminates exhibited the quasi-isotropic CTE values. For Gr/Al panel, the measured CTE of 0.99 ppm/°F was close to the predicted value of 0.73 ppm/°F. The CTE values of all composites were indicative of a stabilized thermal expansion response after cycling.



**Table A.3.1 Thermal Cycled Composite Materials Tested at Room Temperature**

MATERIAL PROPERTY		Gr/Ep P75/1962	Gr/Ep P75/1962	Gr/TP P75/PEEK	Gr/TP P75/PEEK	Gr/TP AS4/PES	Gr/TP AS4/PES
Density	$\rho$	lb/in <sup>3</sup>					
Fiber Volume Fraction	$V_f$		0.0624	0.0625	0.0628	0.0578	0.0578
Nominal Ply Thickness	$t$	in.	0.622	0.627	0.622	0.537	0.5496
Max. Continuous Use Temp.	$T$	°F	0.00463	0.00458	0.005	0.005	0.005
Ply Orientation	$\theta$	deg	260	260	250	250	250
Longitudinal Tensile Strength	$\sigma_x^T$	ksi	[0/45/90/-45] <sub>6</sub>	[30/-30/0] <sub>6</sub>	[0/±45/90] <sub>6</sub>	[30/-30/0] <sub>6</sub>	[30/-30/0] <sub>6</sub>
Transverse Tensile Strength	$\sigma_y^T$	ksi	31.5	64.9	37.2	68.14	77.1
Longitudinal Comp. Strength	$\sigma_x^C$	ksi	42.2	4.06	39.7	5.61	71.4
Transverse Comp. Strength	$\sigma_y^C$	ksi	26.5	49.71	24.21	40.2	45.45
Interlaminar Shear Strength	$\tau_{LS}$	ksi	25.08	17.58	25.46	17.96	26.67
Longitudinal Tensile Strain	$\epsilon_x^T$	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transverse Tensile Strain	$\epsilon_y^T$	---	---	---	---	---	---
Longitudinal Tensile Modulus	$E_x^T$	Msi	14.35	28.2	13.3	31.6	6.41
Transverse Tensile Modulus	$E_y^T$	Msi	15.5	1.70	13.6	1.21	6.7
Longitudinal Comp Modulus	$E_x^C$	Msi	13.9	23.09	10.3	21.43	5.42
Transverse Comp Modulus	$E_y^C$	Msi	11.58	1.44	9.43	1.17	5.95
In-Plane Shear Modulus	$G$	Msi	---	---	---	---	---
Longitudinal Flexural Modulus	$F_x$	Msi	---	---	---	---	---
Transverse Flexural Modulus	$F_y$	Msi	---	---	---	---	---
Long. Tensile Poisson's Ratio	$\nu_{xy}$	---	---	---	---	---	---
Trans. Tensile Poisson's Ratio	$\nu_{yx}$	---	---	---	---	---	---
Long. Thermal Conductivity	$K_x$	(1)	---	---	---	---	---
Trans. Thermal Conductivity	$K_y$	(1)	---	---	---	---	---
Specific Heat	$C_p$	(2)	---	---	---	---	---
Longitudinal CTE	$\alpha_x$	(2)	-0.585	-1.02	-0.248	-0.81	0.65
Transverse CTE	$\alpha_y$	(3)	-0.395	2.92	-0.201	7.60	0.285

(1) Btu/(hr·in·°F); (2) Btu/(lb·°F); (3)  $\mu\text{in./in.}^\circ\text{F}$

**Table A.3-1 Thermal Cycled Composite Materials Tested at Room Temperature (Cont')**

MATERIAL PROPERTY		MMC's SiC <sub>p</sub> /2124 Al	MMC's SiC <sub>w</sub> /2124 Al	MMC's SiC <sub>p</sub> /2124 Al	MMC's SiC <sub>p</sub> /2124 Al
Density	$\rho$ lb/in <sup>3</sup>	0.101	0.101	0.104	0.104
Fiber Volume Fraction	$V_f$	25	25	35	35
Nominal Ply Thickness	$t$ in.	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060
Max. Continuous Use Temp.	$T$ °F	550	550	550	550
Ply Orientation	$\theta$ deg	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Longitudinal Tensile Strength	$\sigma_x^T$ ksi	86.2	96.7	92.8	75.3
Transverse Tensile Strength	$\sigma_y^T$ ksi	90.6	93.0	91.92	56.7
Longitudinal Comp. Strength	$\sigma_x^C$ ksi	76.85	94.26	92.98	97.64
Transverse Comp. Strength	$\sigma_y^C$ ksi	86.33	75.76	97.7	95.33
Interlaminar Shear Strength	ILSS ksi	---	---	---	---
Longitudinal Tensile Strain	$\epsilon_x^T$ ---	---	---	---	---
Transverse Tensile Strain	$\epsilon_y^T$ ---	---	---	---	---
Longitudinal Tensile Modulus	$E_x^T$ Msi	16.64	17.1	19.9	18.9
Transverse Tensile Modulus	$E_y^T$ Msi	16.8	16.3	19.1	16.6
Longitudinal Comp Modulus	$E_x^C$ Msi	16.5	16.13	18.18	19.28
Transverse Comp Modulus	$E_y^C$ Msi	17.73	15.98	18.98	17.8
In-Plane Shear Modulus	$G$ Msi	---	---	---	---
Longitudinal Flexural Modulus	$F_x$ Msi	---	---	---	---
Transverse Flexural Modulus	$F_y$ Msi	---	---	---	---
Long. Tensile Poisson's Ratio	$\nu_{xy}$ ---	---	---	---	---
Trans. Tensile Poisson's Ratio	$\nu_{yx}$ ---	---	---	---	---
Long. Thermal Conductivity	$K_x$ (1)	---	---	---	---
Trans. Thermal Conductivity	$K_y$ (1)	---	---	---	---
Specific Heat	$C_p$ (2)	---	---	---	---
Longitudinal CTE	$\alpha_x$ (2)	8.69	8.56	6.78	---
Transverse CTE	$\alpha_y$ (3)	7.78	8.65	7.55	---

(1) Btu/(hr·in.·°F); (2) Btu/(lb·°F); (3)  $\mu\text{in./in}\cdot^\circ\text{F}$

**Table A.3-1 Thermal Cycled Composite Materials Tested at Room Temperature (Cont')**

MATERIAL PROPERTY		Gr/Metals P100/6061 Al	C/GI HMU/7070	C/C P100/C		
Density	$\rho$	lb/in <sup>3</sup>				
Fiber Volume Fraction	$V_f$		0.071	0.0605		
Nominal Ply Thickness	$t$	in.	0.40	0.53		
Max. Continuous Use Temp.	$T$	°F	0.0052	0.017		
Ply Orientation	$\theta$	deg	1500	3700		
Longitudinal Tensile Strength	$\sigma_x^T$	ksi	[0]2	[0/90/0]		
Transverse Tensile Strength	$\sigma_y^T$	ksi	127.0	36.78		
Longitudinal Comp. Strength	$\sigma_x^C$	ksi	---	28.7		
Transverse Comp. Strength	$\sigma_y^C$	ksi	43.70	15.63		
Interlaminar Shear Strength	$\tau_{ILSS}$	ksi	20.30	8.63		
Longitudinal Tensile Strain	$\epsilon_x^T$	---	---	---		
Transverse Tensile Strain	$\epsilon_y^T$	---	---	---		
Longitudinal Tensile Modulus	$E_x^T$	Msi	52.48	26.79		
Transverse Tensile Modulus	$E_y^T$	Msi	---	13.7		
Longitudinal Comp Modulus	$E_x^C$	Msi	45.33	28.58		
Transverse Comp Modulus	$E_y^C$	Msi	4.40	9.26		
In-Plane Shear Modulus	$G$	Msi	---	---		
Longitudinal Flexural Modulus	$F_x$	Msi	---	---		
Transverse Flexural Modulus	$F_y$	Msi	---	---		
Long. Tensile Poisson's Ratio	$\nu_{xy}$	---	---	---		
Trans. Tensile Poisson's Ratio	$\nu_{yx}$	---	---	---		
Long. Thermal Conductivity	$K_x$	(1)	---	---		
Trans. Thermal Conductivity	$K_y$	(1)	---	---		
Specific Heat	$C_p$	(2)	---	---		
Longitudinal CTE	$\alpha_x$	(2)	0.99	-0.737		
Transverse CTE	$\alpha_y$	(3)	---	-0.87		

(1) Btu/(hr·in.·°F); (2) Btu/(lb·°F); (3)  $\mu\text{in./in.}^\circ\text{F}$

**Table A.3-2 Effect of Thermal Cycling on the Longitudinal Tensile and Compressive Properties of Composite Materials**

Material	Density (lb/in <sup>3</sup> )	Tension				Compression			
		$E_X^T$ (Msi)		$\sigma_X^{TU}$ (ksi)		$E_X^C$ (Msi)		$\sigma_X^{CU}$ (ksi)	
		AF	TC	AF	TC	AF	TC	AF	TC
<b>P75/1962</b>									
•62.2v/o, [0, $\pm 45$ , 90] <sub>s</sub>	0.0623	15.2	14.35	44.6	31.5	13.9	9.88	26.5	25.66
•62.2v/o, [ $\pm 30$ , 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	0.0623	32.68	28.2	85.5	64.9	27.6	23.09	54.3	49.71
<b>P75/PEEK</b>									
•62.2v/o, [0, $\pm 45$ , 90] <sub>s</sub>	0.063	13.3	13.3	34.91	37.2	9.02	10.30	21.35	24.21
•62.2v/o, [ $\pm 30$ , 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	0.063	30.06	31.6	68.77	68.14	28.40	21.43	51.38	40.2
<b>AS4/PES</b>									
•62.2v/o, [0, $\pm 45$ , 90] <sub>s</sub>	0.058	6.38	6.41	80.34	77.1	5.82	5.42	47.31	45.45
•62.2v/o, [ $\pm 30$ , 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	0.058	14.18	14.5	101.61	78.4	12.36	10.86	90.29	76.88
<b>SIC<sub>p</sub>/Al</b>									
•25 v/o, N/A	0.104	16.64	16.8	84.5	86.2	18.5	16.50	73.5	76.85
•35 v/o, N/A	0.106	19.9	19.9	95.6	92.8	20.4	18.18	103.3	92.98
<b>SIC<sub>w</sub>/Al</b>									
•25 v/o, N/A	0.104	17.6	17.1	102.0	96.7	18.15	16.13	102.5	94.26
•35 v/o, N/A	0.106	18.8	18.9	85.7	75.3	19.22	19.28	97.02	97.64
<b>P100/Al</b>									
•42.2 v/o, [0, 0]	0.090	49.71	52.48	131.3	127.0	48.15	45.33	46.62	43.70
<b>HMU/7070</b>									
•44 v/o, [0] <sub>12</sub>	0.072	26.43	—	95.5	—	21.3	21.66	126.3	115.34
•40.5 v/o, [0/90] <sub>6</sub>	0.071	11.7	—	40.9	—	12.5	12.44	86.7	84.68
<b>C-C</b>									
•52.48 v/o, [0, 0, 0]	0.060	43.7	—	81.5	—	39.4	—	47.8	—
•53.0 v/o, [0/90/0]	0.060	32.4	—	44.1	36.78	29.1	28.58	6.95	15.63
<b>SIC<sub>p</sub>/Al Tubes</b>									
•25 v/o, N/A	0.104	15.8	16.34	>63.4	85.5	17.3	16.33	90.1	84.6
•35 v/o, N/A	0.106	18.9	17.36	90.6	87.65	19.3	18.05	113.1	89.75
<b>SIC<sub>w</sub>/Al Tubes</b>									
•25 v/o, N/A	0.104	19.8	17.73	>86.9	99.2	19.6	20.16	130.3	112.7
•35 v/o, N/A	0.106	22.3	19.93	>85.6	74.0	22.4	20.72	133.3	115.55

**Table A.3-3 Effect of Thermal Cycling on the Transverse Tensile and Compressive Properties of Composite Materials**

Material	Density (lb/in <sup>3</sup> )	Tension				Compression			
		$E_y^T$ (Msi)		$\sigma_y^{TU}$ (ksi)		$E_y^C$ (Msi)		$\sigma_y^{CU}$ (ksi)	
		AF	TC	AF	TC	AF	TC	AF	TC
<b>P75/1962</b>									
•62.2v/o, [0, $\pm 45$ , 90] <sub>s</sub>	0.0623	15.2	15.5	50.1	42.2	14.54	11.58	27.6	25.08
•62.2v/o, [ $\pm 30$ , 0] <sub>4s</sub>	0.0623	1.79	1.70	4.4	4.06	1.73	1.44	17.7	17.58
<b>P75/PEEK</b>									
•62.2v/o, [0, $\pm 45$ , 90] <sub>s</sub>	0.063	14.45	13.6	46.12	39.7	9.36	9.43	21.75	25.46
•62.2v/o, [ $\pm 30$ , 0] <sub>4s</sub>	0.063	1.40	1.21	5.46	5.61	1.14	1.17	17.54	17.96
<b>AS4/PES</b>									
•62.2v/o, [0, $\pm 45$ , 90] <sub>s</sub>	0.058	6.51	6.7	77.69	71.4	5.63	5.95	30.36	26.67
•62.2v/o, [ $\pm 30$ , 0] <sub>4s</sub>	0.058	1.57	1.46	4.54	5.21	1.26	1.25	21.07	17.65
<b>SIC<sub>p</sub>/Al</b>									
•25 v/o, N/A	0.104	17.0	16.8	77.5	90.6	17.9	17.73	75.8	86.33
•35 v/o, N/A	0.106	19.4	19.1	97.0	91.92	21.0	18.98	103.4	97.7
<b>SIC<sub>w</sub>/Al</b>									
•25 v/o, N/A	0.104	16.42	16.3	97.4	93.0	16.5	15.98	91.0	75.76
•35 v/o, N/A	0.106	17.2	16.6	57.7	56.7	17.2	17.8	66.02	96.53
<b>P100/Al</b>									
•42.2 v/o, [0, 0]	0.090	5.14	—	3.62	—	4.82	4.40	15.21	20.30
<b>HMU/7070</b>									
•44 v/o, [0] <sub>12</sub>	0.072	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
•40.5 v/o, [0/90] <sub>6</sub>	0.071	11.9	—	78.4	—	—	13.14	—	74.57
<b>C-C</b>									
•52.48 v/o, [0, 0, 0]	0.060	1.45	—	2.04	—	1.3	—	4.6	—
•53.0 v/o, [0/90/0]	0.060	20.3	—	29.0	28.7	15.5	—	9.4	8.36
<b>SIC<sub>p</sub>/Al</b>									
•25 v/o, N/A	0.104	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
•35 v/o, N/A	0.106	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>SIC<sub>w</sub>/Al</b>									
•25 v/o, N/A	0.104	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
•35 v/o, N/A	0.106	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

**Table A.3-4 Summary of Thermal Expansion Response of Composite Specimens After 10, 099 Thermal Cycles Between -150°F and +150°F**

					Thermal Expansion Response After 10,099 Cycles			0 Cycles
Material		Layup	v/o	Test Dir.	RT Hysteresis ppm	Residual Strain, ppm	CTE* ppm/°F	CTE* ppm/°F
PANELS								
1	P75/1962	[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	62.2	x	-30.15	-4.02	-0.585	-0.454
2	P75/1962	[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	62.2	y	-30.15	-35.17	-0.395	-0.14
3	P75/1962	[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	62.7	x	-27.64	6.53	-1.00	-1.02
4	P75/1962	[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	62.7	y	-45.22	-12.56	2.92	5.83
5	P75/PEEK	[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	62.2	x	-57.79	26.13	-0.248	-0.28
6	P75/PEEK	[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	62.2	y	-55.78	-9.045	-0.201	+0.04
7	P75/PEEK	[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	62.2	x	-80.40	-188.44	-0.81	-0.39
8	P75/PEEK	[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	62.2	y	5.78	-90.45	7.60	10.17
9	AS4/PES	[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	53.7	x	-16.08	-50.25	0.65	1.08
10	AS4/PES	[0, ±45, 90] <sub>s</sub>	53.7	y	-12.90	15.58	0.285	1.38
11	AS4/PES	[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	54.96	x	-42.72	-22.11	-0.37	-0.66
12	AS4/PES	[±30, 0 <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>s</sub>	54.96	y	-165.82	-201.00	10.68	12.60
13	P100/6061 Al	[0] <sub>2</sub>	42.2	x	-10.05	4.02	0.99	-0.27**
14	SiC <sub>p</sub> /2124-T6	N/A	25	x	55.28	-97.99	8.69	8.16
15	SiC <sub>p</sub> /2124-T6	N/A	25	y	-100.50	-90.45	7.78	7.86
16	SiC <sub>w</sub> /2124-T6	N/A	25	x	11.56	-100.50	8.56	8.03
17	SiC <sub>w</sub> /2124-T6	N/A	25	y	50.25	-80.40	8.65	7.77
18	SiC <sub>p</sub> /2124-T6	N/A	35	x	0.00	-75.38	6.78	5.91
19	SiC <sub>p</sub> /2124-T6	N/A	35	y	50.25	-45.23	7.55	6.11
—	SiC <sub>w</sub> /2124-T6	N/A	35	x	—	—	—	5.91
—	SiC <sub>w</sub> /2124-T6	N/A	35	y	—	—	—	6.29
20	Carbon-Carbon	[0/90/0]	53.0	x	-50.25	-12.56	-0.737	-0.95
21	Carbon-Carbon	[0/90/0]	53.0	y	-40.95	-13.57	-0.87	-0.87
22	Carbon-Carbon	[0] <sub>3</sub>	52.48	x	-29.65	-21.10	-0.94	-0.98
23	Carbon-Carbon	[0] <sub>3</sub>	52.48	y	-65.32	-47.70	0.29	-0.42
24	HMU/7070	[0/90] <sub>6</sub>	40.5	x	8.75	-2.00	0.28	-0.075
25	HMU/7070	[0/90] <sub>6</sub>	40.5	y	-13.00	-2.50	0.40	—
TUBES								
26	P100/Al, DB	[0] <sub>2</sub>	43.63	x	10.01	-10.01	0.50	0.33
27	P100/Al, PT	[0] <sub>2</sub>	44.35	x	-4.00	6.00	0.38	0.37
—	P100/AZ91C Mg	[±16°] <sub>s</sub>	23.7	x	—	—	—	1.52
—	P100/AZ91C Mg	[±16°] <sub>s</sub>	27.9	x	—	—	—	0.80
—	P100/AZ91C Mg	[±16°] <sub>s</sub>	30.1	x	—	—	—	—

\*Slope of a line joining extreme points at +150° and -150°F

\*\*Calculated CTE: 0.70 ppm/°F

#### A.4 CONCLUDING REMARKS

Although extensive material property data of several composites exist, use of this data in structural design efforts is severely limited due to lack of standardized test methods and procedures, and the large number of organizations reporting the limited data. In response to these needs, the current program was designed to generate a viable database of advanced composite material properties by utilizing a singular contractor and implementing the same test methods and environments for the composites considered. This database, although limited, should prove extremely valuable to spacecraft designers for preliminary material trade-off studies. The test data listed in Table 1-5 (and discussed in Chapters 2 to 10) provides the typical material properties of SOA composites. Also, the test data presented in Table 1-7 to 1-10 (and discussed in Chapter 11) provides an assessment of the effect of thermal cycling on the mechanical properties and dimensional stability of these composites. The results of both the as-fabricated and thermal cycled composites have been included in the "Strategic Defense System (SDS) Spacecraft Structural Composite Materials Selection Guide" prepared by Ketema, Inc., Composite Materials Division, CA (Ref 21). While extensive data has been generated in this technical effort, a large number of specimens from different production batches should be tested before and after thermal cycling to build confidence in the reproducibility and reliability of composite material properties.

## **APPENDIX B TEST METHODS**

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### **B.1 TEST METHODS FOR COMPOSITE MATERIALS**

To generate a reliable and consistent data base that may be used with confidence throughout industry, only those methods which produce repeatable, reliable, and easily obtainable results were included in this technical effort. These methods primarily included ASTM standards (whenever applicable), and ASTM, SACMA, DOD-NASA, TPRL, or Martin Marietta Astronautics Group recommended methods (Refs B1 to B5). For compression and torsion tests of tube specimens, specific fixtures were designed and fabricated at Martin Marietta Astronautics Group. The selected test methods are listed in Table B.1-1. For the mechanical property tests, the specimen design/fixture are shown schematically in Figures B.1-1 to B.1-7. For the thermophysical properties, key features of the test methods such as equipment, reference material and specimen size are listed in Table B.1-2.

### **B.2 THERMOPHYSICAL PROPERTY TEST METHOD**

#### **B.2.1 Coefficient of Thermal Expansion**

##### Push Rod Dilatometer (PRD)

In a fused silica test chamber, a 3-in. long (0.5-in. wide) specimen is placed in contact with a freely-suspended probe rod (fused silica). As the specimen temperature changes, it expands or contracts and the resultant change in length is transmitted by the probe rod to the core of the LVDT transducer. The LVDT converts this displacement into a proportional voltage signal recorded as  $\Delta L$ . These measurements were performed at Harrop Industries, Columbus, OH, using their model TDA-H2. The strain sensitivity of this technique is about  $\pm 10$  ppm/ $^{\circ}$ F as

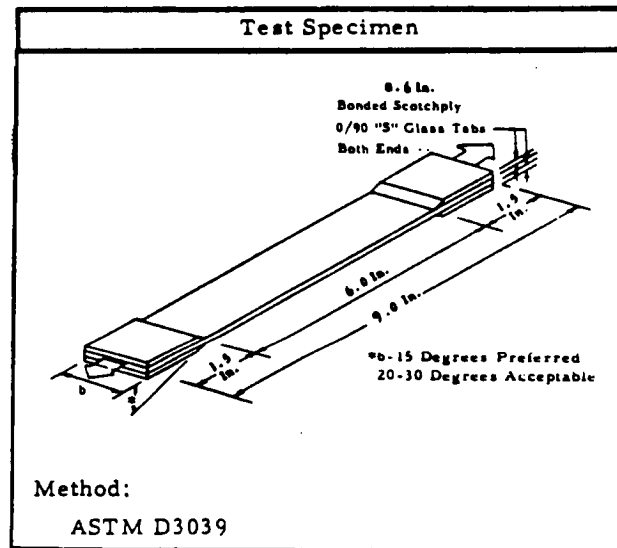


**Table B.1-1 Selected Test Methods for Composites**

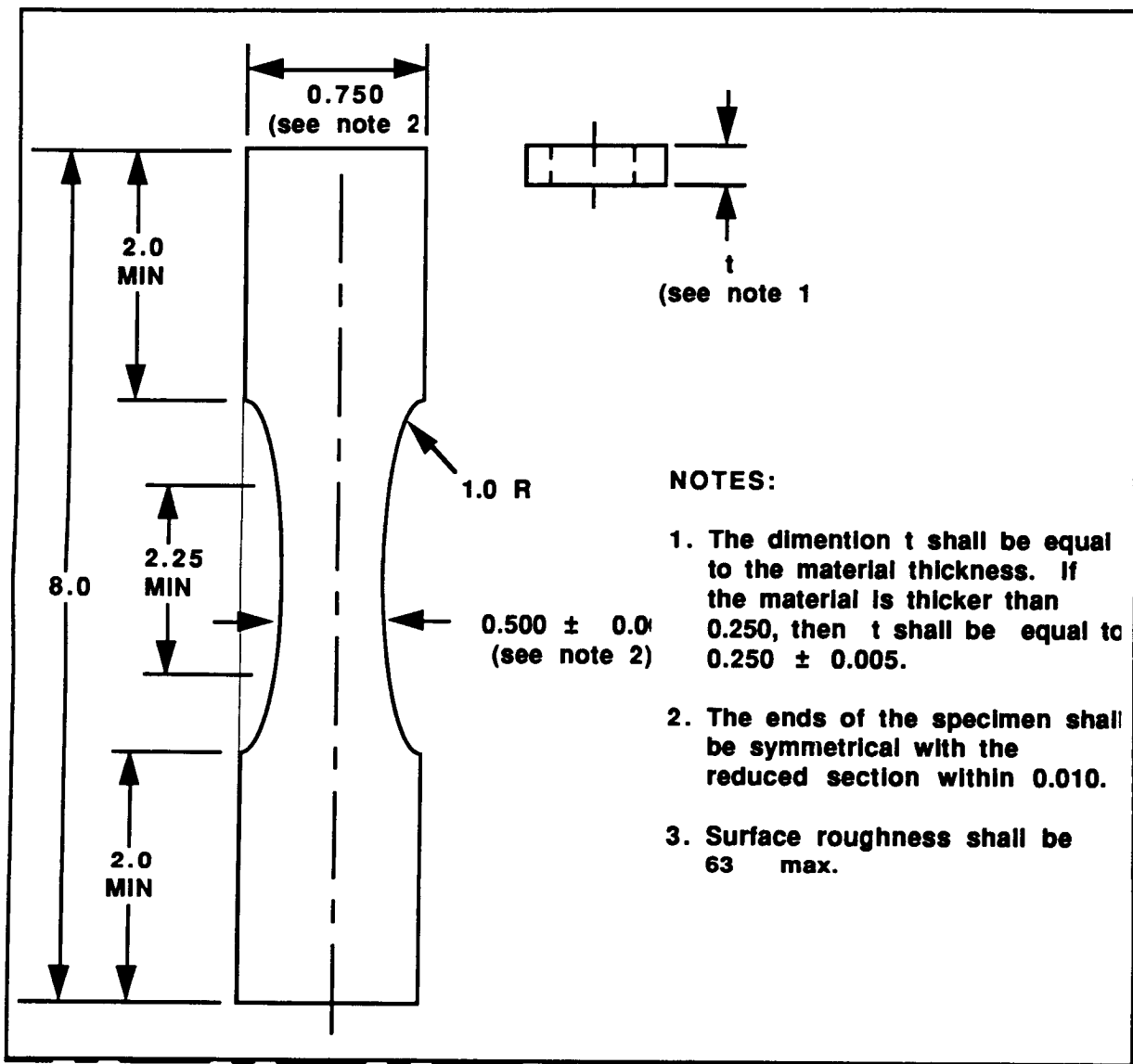
<b>• Density</b>	
ASTM-D792 .....	Specific Gravity of Plastics by Displacement Method
<b>• Reinforcement Volume</b>	
ASTM-D3553 .....	Fiber Content by Digestion of MMC
ASTM-D3171 .....	Fiber Content by Resin Matrix Composites by Matrix Digestion
ASTM-D2734 .....	Void Content of Reinforced Plastics
<b>• Mechanical Properties</b>	
ASTM-D3552 .....	Tensile Properties of Fiber Reinforced MMC
ASTM-D3039 .....	Tensile Properties of Fiber Reinforced Resin Composites
ASTM-D3410 .....	Compressive Properties of Unidirectional or Cross-Ply Fiber Resin Composites
ASTM-D3518 .....	Inplane Shear Stress Strain Response of Unidirectional Reinforced Plastics
ASTM-D23444 .....	Apparent Interlaminar Shear Strength of Fiber Composites by Short Beam Method
ASTM-D790 .....	Flexural Properties of Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials
NASA TN D-8215 .....	10° Off-Axis Tensile Test for Interlaminar Shear Characterization of Fiber Composites Iosipescu Shear Test
<b>• Thermophysical Properties</b>	
ASTM-E228 .....	Linear Thermal Expansion Using Vitreous Silica Dilatometer
ASTM-E80 .....	Dilatometric Analysis of Metallic Material
ASTM-E1269 .....	Specific Heat Capacity by Differential Scanning Calorimetry
TPRL (Recommended) .....	Kohlrausch Test Method for Determining Thermal Conductivity and Electrical Resistivity
TPRL (Recommended) .....	Laser Flash Method for Determining Thermal Diffusivity
ASTM-C835 .....	Total Hemispherical Emittance of Surfaces
ASTM-E903 .....	Solar Absorptance, Reflectance and Transmittance of Materials
ASTM-E408 .....	Total Normal Emittance of Surfaces Using Inspection Meter Techniques

Special Remarks		
Laminate	No. of Plies (n)	Specimen Width b
$[0]_C$	$n = 6$	1/2
$[90]_C$	$n = 15$	1
$[0/90]_C$	$n \geq 3$	1
$[0/\pm 45/90]_C$	$n \geq 6$	1

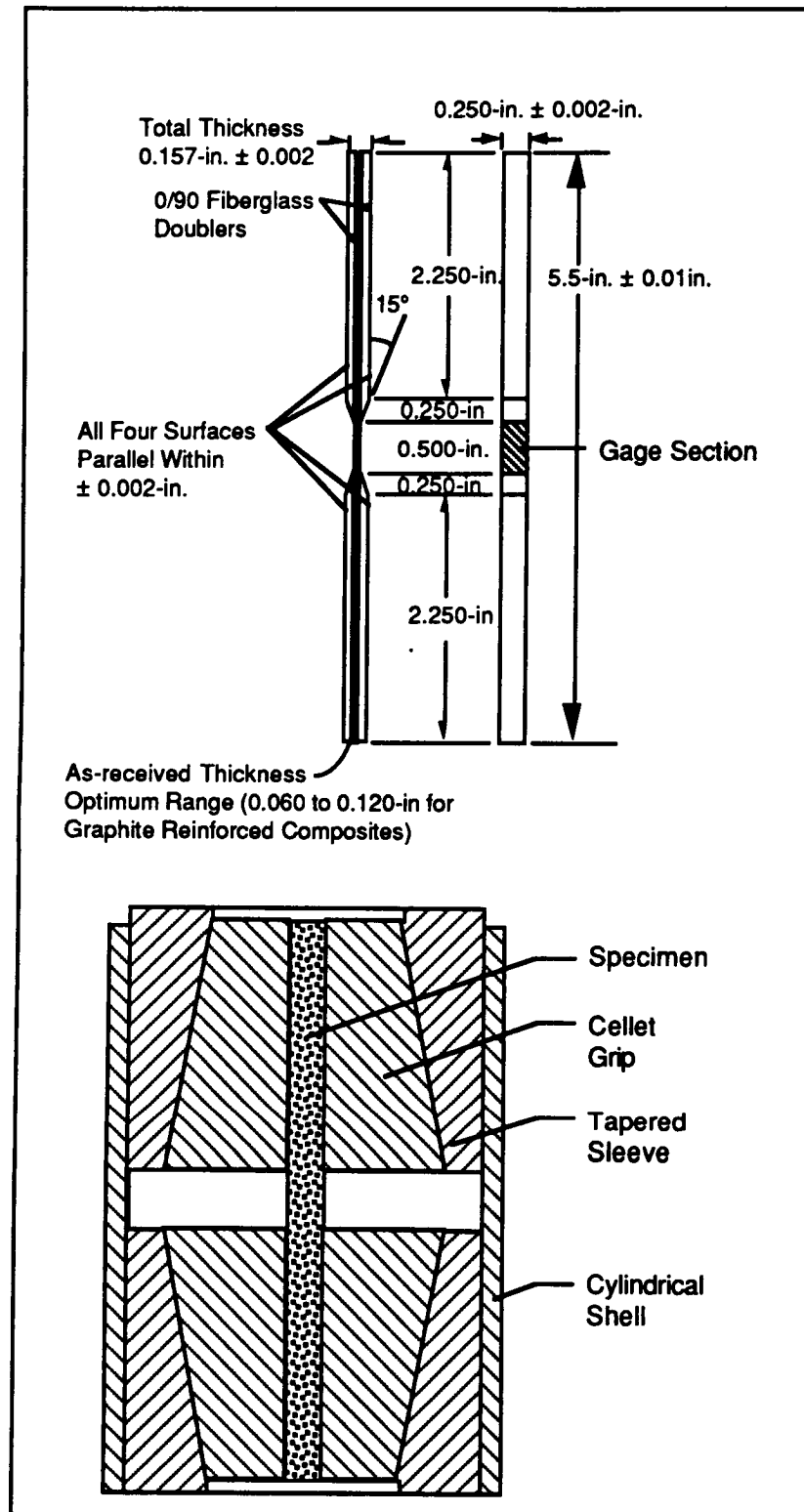
(1) Specimens may be individually molded or cut (diamond tool recommended) to width required.  
 (2) Inner ply of tab material should have fibers in the longitudinal direction.  
 (3) Self-aligning grips should be used, completely enclosing the tab area.  
 (4) The aspect ratio of the test area must be noted when testing off-axis orientations. The aspect ratio may be varied to represent a specific application.



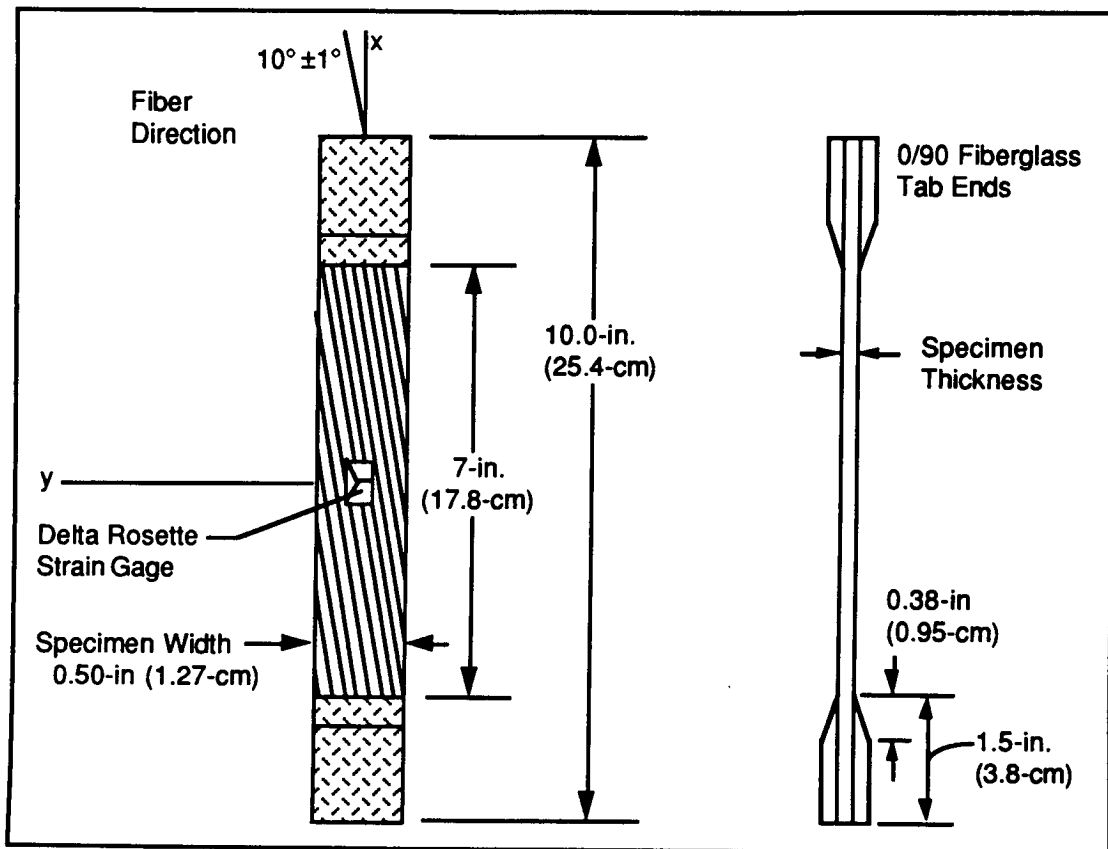
**Figure B.1-1 Straight-sided Tension Test Specimen for Fiber Reinforced Composites**



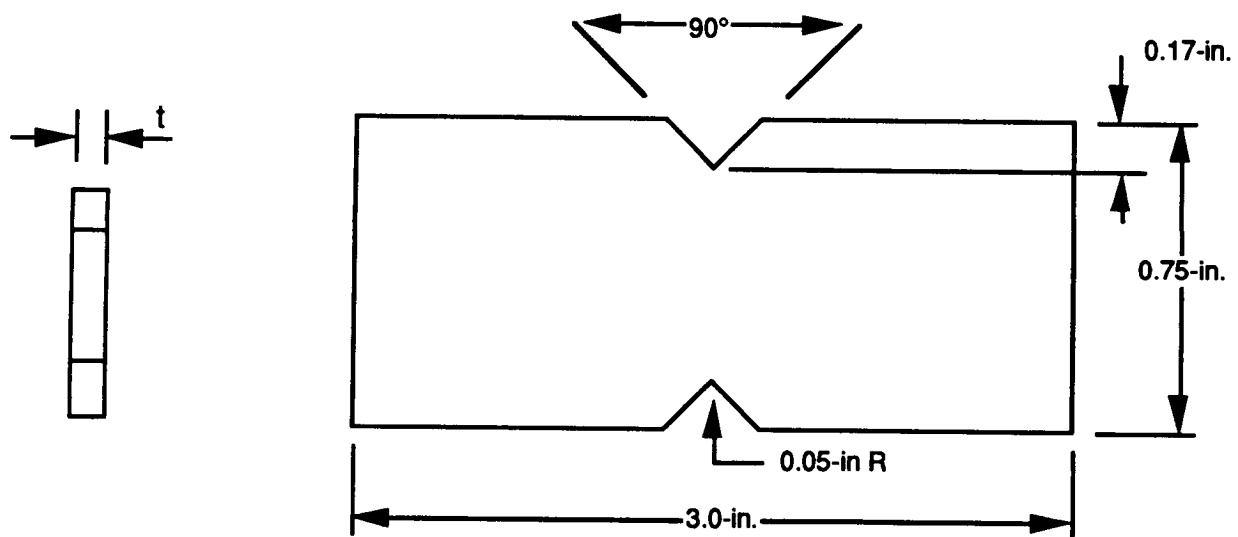
**Figure B.1-2 Discontinuous Reinforced MMC Tension Test Specimens (ASTM D-3552)**



**Figure B.1-3 Compression Test Specimen and Fixture (ASTM D-3410) for Composites**

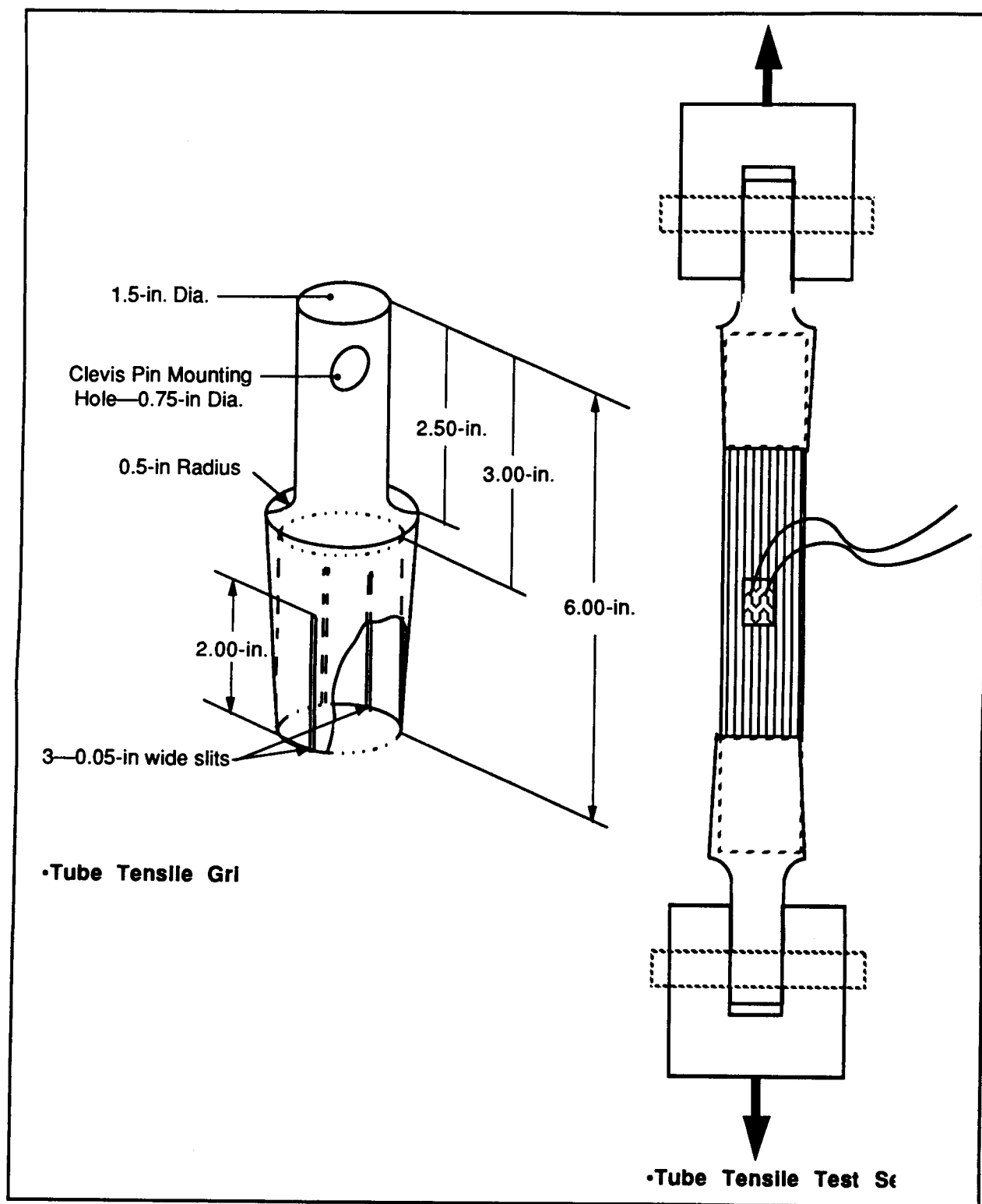


**a) 10° Off-Axis Test Specimens for Unidirectional Composites**

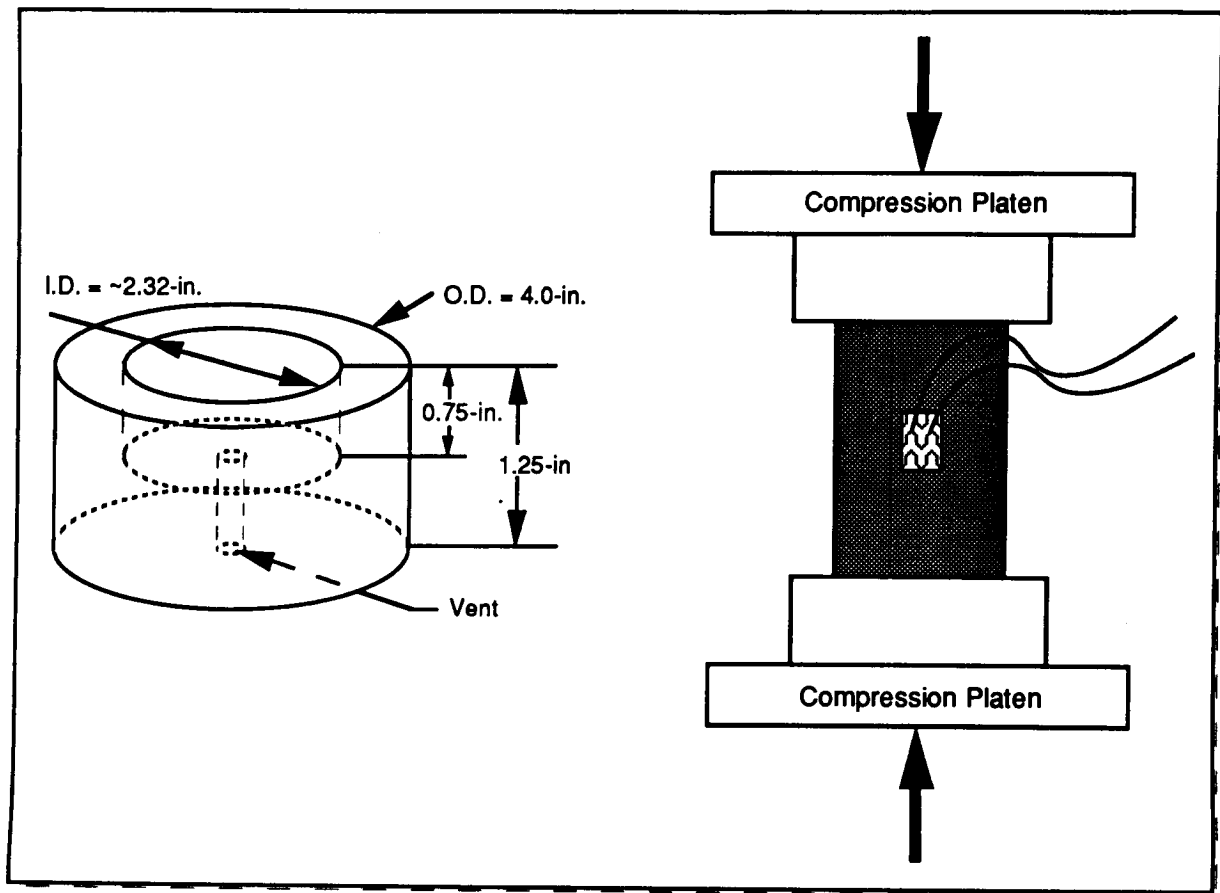


**b) Typical Dimensions of the Iosipescu Shear Specimen for Composites**

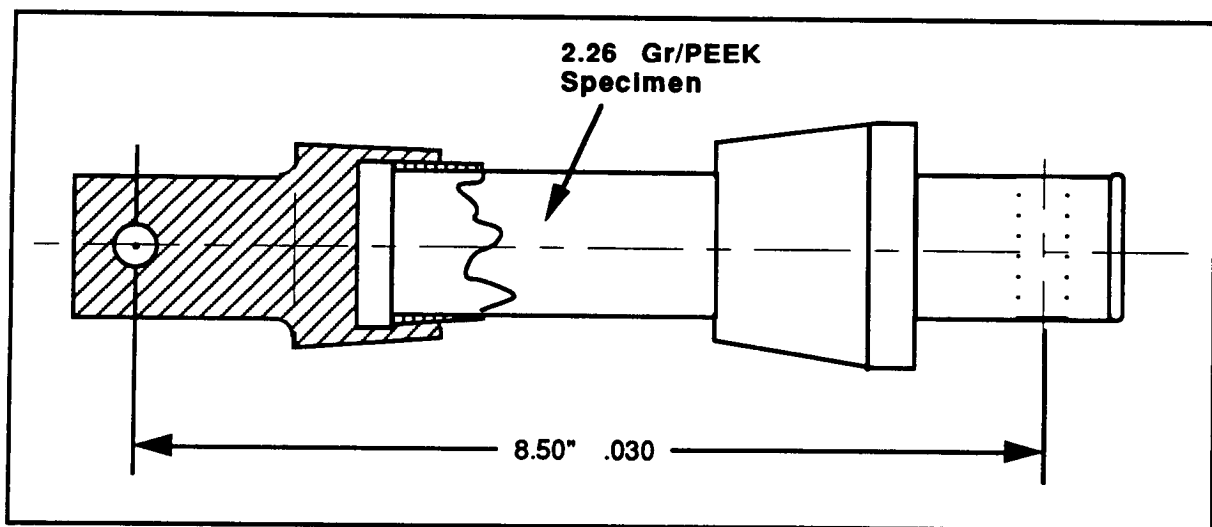
**Figure B.1-4 Inplane Shear Test Specimen for Composites**



**Figure B-1-5 Tension Test Grip and Setup for Composite Tube**



**Figure B.1-6 Compression Test Grips and Composite Tubes**



**Figure B.1-7 Torsion Test Setup for Composite Tube**

**Table B.1-2 Key Features of Thermophysical Property Tests**

Property	Apparatus	Specimen Dimensions
• Specific Heat (Cp)	Perkin Elmer DSC-2 Reference Material: Sapphire	0.16 ± 0.01 square inch x 0.060-in. thick
• Thermal Diffusivity (D)	TPRL Flash Diffusivity Reference Material: Sapphire	0.5 ± .005 square inch x 0.1 ± 0.001-in. thick
• Thermal Conductivity * :Kx, Ky	Kohlrausch Apparatus Reference Material: SRMS-739 SRMS-734 SRMS-735	3.5-in. ± 0.5 long x 0.25 ± 0.01-in. wide strips
:Kw = D · Cp · ρ	(From Cp & D Measurements)	0.5 ± 0.005 square inch x 0.1 ± 0.001-in. thick
• Electrical Resistivity *	Kohlrausch Apparatus	3.5-in. ± 0.5 long x 0.25-in. ± 0.01-in wide strips
• Solar Absorptance	Beckman Model DK2A Over Solar Spectra 0.3-4μm	1-in. square
• Normal Emittance	Gier-Dunkel Model DB-100	1-in. square
• Reflectance vs. Wavelength **	NICOLET 6000 FTIR Spectrophotometer	1-in. square

\* Refer to the schematic in Figure B.2-1, showing calculation of inplane thermal conductivity and electrical resistivity.

\*\* Refer to Figure B.2-2, showing the schematic and brief description of test method.

compared to ±0.1 ppm°F for the laser interferometric dilatometer (Ref B-6). The temperature change is accomplished at a rate of 40°F/minute; compared to 22°F/hour in the case of laser interferometric dilatometer. The dimensional changes of the specimen-standard assembly were recorded at temperature levels of 10°F, and the specimen was held at the recording temperature for not more than 5 minutes. One complete thermal expansion test cycle included RT ⇒ 150°F ⇒ -150°F ⇒ RT. In the first test cycle, generally the thermal expansion response of a composite

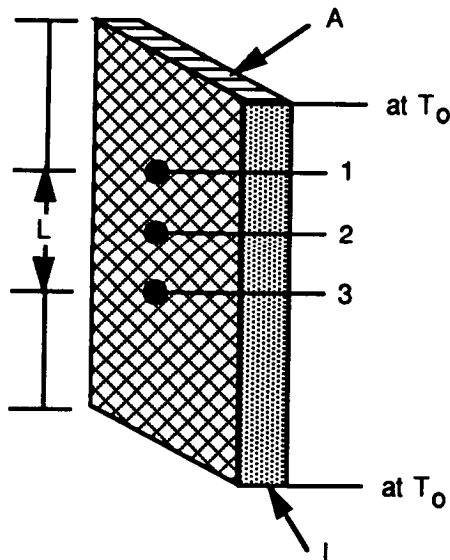


specimen is a hysteresis loop as shown schematically in Figure B.2-1. From this thermal strain vs. temperature curve, it is difficult to assign a mean CTE value to the composite, because CTE varies continuously with temperature during a thermal cycle. (Often, a third order polynomial fit of test data points is obtained and CTE at a particular temperature is determined by taking the first derivative with respect to temperature.) From the first cycle, thermal expansion response of different composites, the average CTE value, RT hysteresis and residual strain has been determined, as follows (Refer to Figure B.2-3):

**Average CTE:** The slope of a line (DB) connecting the strain values at temperature extremes ( $\pm 150^\circ\text{F}$ );

**RT Hysteresis:** Dimensional change during  $\text{RT} \Rightarrow 150^\circ\text{F} \Rightarrow \text{RT}$  measurements (i.e., AC); and

**Residual Strain:** Thermal strain at the end of cycle.



$$K \cdot \rho_e = \frac{(V_3 - V_1)^2}{4[2T_2 - (T_1 + T_3)]}$$

$$\rho_e = \frac{(V_3 - V_1)A}{IL}$$

Where:

$K$  = Inplane Conductivity

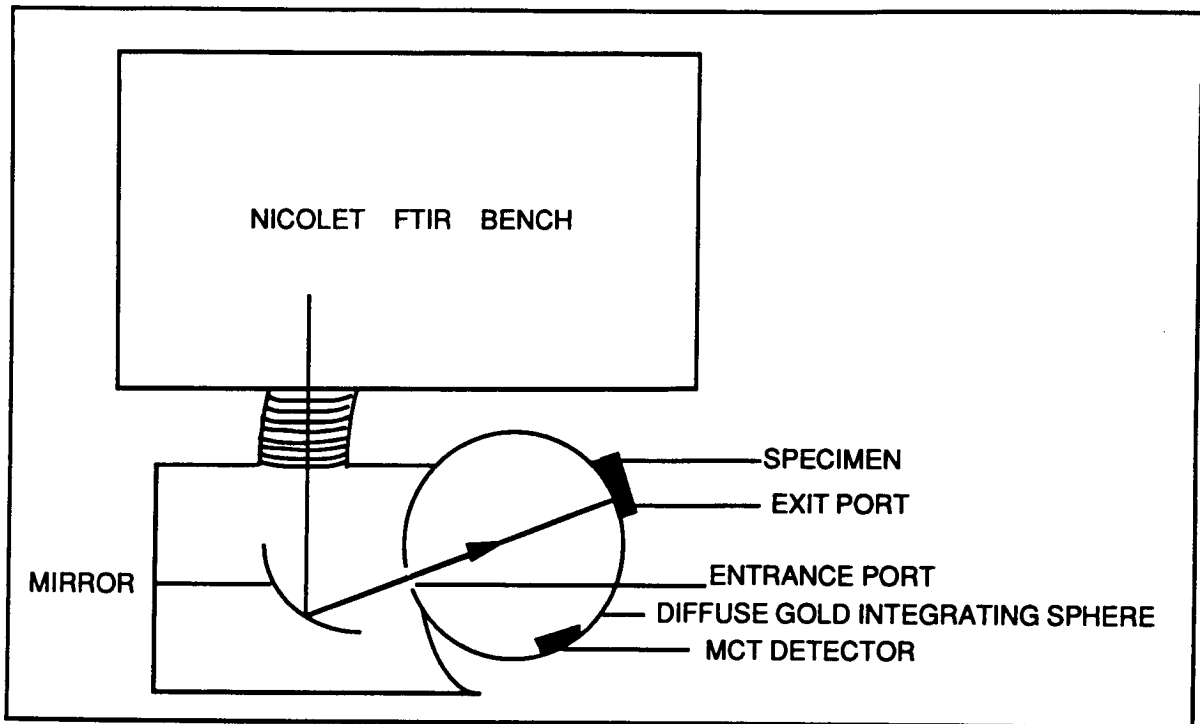
$\rho_e$  = Electrical Resistivity

$I$  = Current

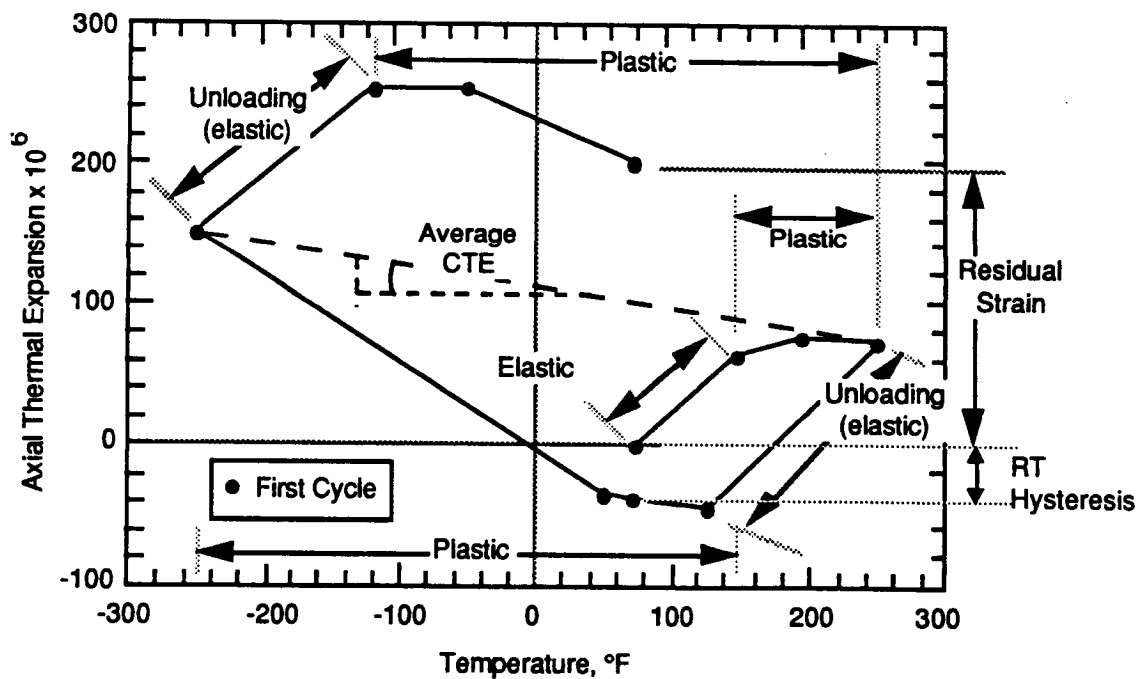
$V_1, V_2, V_3$  = Voltage at location 1, 2, 3

$T_0, T_1, T_2, T_3$  = Temperature at location 0, 1, 2, 3

**Figure B.2-1 Schematic Showing Determination of Thermal Conductivity and Electrical Resistivity by Kohlrausch Method**



**Figure B.2-2 Schematic Showing FTIR Spectrophotometer to Measure Reflectance at Different Wavelengths**



**Figure B.2-3 Typical Thermal Expansion Response of a Composite Material During First Cycle (e.g., RT  $\Rightarrow$  250 $^{\circ}\text{F}$   $\Rightarrow$  -250 $^{\circ}\text{F}$   $\Rightarrow$  RT)**

These values of average CTE, RT hysteresis and residual strain do adequately describe the thermal expansion profile of the composite, although actual CTE value at a temperature has to be obtained from the curve.

### **B.2.2 Thermal Diffusivity (D)**

#### Laser Flash Diffusivity Method

In the flash method, the front face of a small disc-shaped specimen is subjected to a short laser burst resulting in rise in rear face temperature. This transition temperature rise was recorded, and the time required to reach one-half of the maximum temperature rise, due to the laser flash was calculated to determine the thermal diffusivity. A highly developed apparatus exists at the TPRL and we have been involved in an extensive program to evaluate the technique and broaden its uses. The apparatus consists of a Korad K2 laser, a high vacuum system including a bell jar with windows for viewing the sample, a tantalum tube heater surrounding a sample holding assembly, a spring-loaded thermocouple or an infrared detector, appropriate biasing circuits, amplifiers, a-D converters, crystal clocks and a minicomputer based digital data acquisition system capable of accurately taking data in the 40 microsecond and long time domain. The computer controls the experiment, collects the data, calculated the results, and compares the raw data with the theoretical model.

### **B.2.3 Specific Heat (Cp)**

#### Perkin-Elmer Model DSC-2 Differential Scanning Calorimeter

The sapphire standard and sample, both encapsulated in pans, were subjected to the same heat flux and the differential power required to heat the sample at the same rate was recorded using

the digital data acquisition system. From the mass of the sapphire standard, pans, the differential power, and the known specific heat of sapphire, the specific heat of the sample is computed. The experimental data is visually displayed as the experiment progresses. All measured quantities are directly traceable to NBS standards.

## **B.2.4 Thermal Conductivity**

### Kohlrausch Apparatus

The Kohlrausch method involves the determination of the product of the thermal conductivity "K" and the electrical resistivity " $\rho_e$ ". Since the electrical resistivity is also measured at the same time, K can be calculated. The method involves passing constant direct current through the specimen to heat the sample while the ends are kept at constant temperature. Radial heat losses are minimized by an external heater whose center temperatures are maintained at the sample's midpoint temperatures and whose ends are also water-cooled. With these provisions, at steady-state a parabola-like axial temperature profile is obtained. Thermocouples act as voltage probes. Numbering the center thermocouple as the "2" position (Figure B.1-8) and the other position as "1" and "3", it is possible to get the product of K and  $\rho_e$ :

$$K\rho_e = \frac{(V_3 - V_1)^2}{4[2T_2 - (T_1 + T_3)]}$$

where  $V(3) - V(1)$  is the voltage drop between the third and first thermocouple,  $T(1) + T(3)$  is the sum of the temperatures at the outside thermocouples and  $T(2)$  is the center temperature. Since  $\rho_e$  is also measured simultaneously, ( $\rho_e = (V(3) - V(1)) A/IL$  where A is the cross-sectional area, I is the current and L is the distance between position 1 and 3), K can be calculated. The data collection ( $T(1)$ ,  $T(2)$ ,  $T(3)$ ,  $V(3)$ ,  $V(1)$ , I) are computerized and the results calculated for a set of measurements performed while the sample is under vacuum and the heater temperature matched to that of  $T(2)$ . Then additional current is used, a new set of equilibrium conditions is

obtained, and the process repeated.

Thermal conductivity values accurate well within 5% are obtained by the Kohlrausch method and all measured quantities are directly traceable to NBS standards. This method is a standard test procedure and has been tested with SRMS 730, 734, and 735. The results were all within 3% of the reference values.

## **B.2.5 Reflectance Measurements**

### **FTIR Test Method**

Test Specimen is mounted at 0.87-in. dia exit port at the exterior of the integrating sphere (ensure no light leaks). The specimen is irradiated by light emitted by a water-cooled Globar source located in the bench of the Nicolet 6000 Series FTIR Spectrometer (Figure B.2-2). the light exits the bench and is directed by a mirror into the diffuse gold-coated integrating sphere, where it directly irradiates the specimen (located at the exit port). The light reflects off the specimen and onto the walls of the sphere, and it continues to reflect off the walls of the sphere and eventually strikes the liquid nitrogen-cooled MCT (mercury-cadmium-telluride) detector. The amount of light reflected from the specimen is determined by its surface finish (a dark or dull specimen will reflect less than a lighter or shinier specimen). The reflectance of the sample is compared to the reflectance of a reference material (a diffuse gold specimen is used as a reference). It is customary to plot the spectrum of the specimen in % reflectance vs. wavelength (in microns) from the wavelength region of 2.0-14.0 microns.

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## APPENDIX C COMPOSITE ANALYSIS

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### C.1 COMPOSITE ANALYSIS

Predicted mechanical and thermophysical properties of continuous fiber reinforced composite materials have been obtained by using various analytical tools that range from simple rule of mixture (ROM) equations through complex matrix operations of laminate analysis. The ROM equations and the names of computer codes which are often used to predict the material properties of different composites, are presented in this section.

### C.2 RULE OF MIXTURES

The ROM equations are commonly used to predict properties of composites based on the properties of constituent reinforcement and matrix materials (Ref. C-1, C-2, C-3). These properties include elastic constants, CTE, specific heat, and thermal conductivity.

#### C.2.1 Elastic Constants

##### C.2.1.1 Continuous Fiber Reinforced Composites

- Transversely isotropic Composite

- Longitudinal Modulus:  $E_x = E_{fx} V_f + E_m (1 - V_f)$
- Transverse Modulus:  $E_y = E_z = \frac{E_m}{1 - \sqrt{V_f} (1 - E_m / E_{fy})}$
- Shear Modulus:  $G_{xy} = G_{yz} = \frac{G_m}{1 - \sqrt{V_f} (1 - G_m / G_{fxy})}$

- Poisson Ratio:  $\nu_{xy} = \nu_{xz} = \nu_{fxy} V_f + (1-V_f) \nu_m$

$V_f$  = fiber volume fraction

$E_{fx}$  = fiber modulus (x direction)

$E_m$  = matrix modulus

$G_m$  = matrix shear modulus

$G_f$  = fiber shear modulus

### C.2.1.2 Discontinuous Reinforced Composite

- Elastic Modulus:

$$E_c = E_m \frac{E_m V_m + E_r (V_r + 1)}{E_r V_m + E_m (V_r + 1)} \quad (\text{Hashin-Shtrikman equation Ref C-4})$$

Where:  $E_r$  = Reinforcement modulus

$V_r$  = Reinforcement volume fraction

## C.2.2 Thermal Properties

### C.2.2.1 Continuous Fiber Reinforced Composites

- Specific Heat:

$$C_p = \frac{1}{\rho} (V_f \rho_f C_f + V_m \rho_m C_m)$$

- Longitudinal Conductivity:

$$K_x = V_f K_{fx} + K_m (1-V_f)$$

- Transverse Conductivity:

$$K_y = K_z = (1-\sqrt{V_f}) K_m + \frac{K_m \sqrt{V_f}}{1-\sqrt{V_f} (1-K_m/K_{fy})}$$

- Longitudinal Thermal

Expansion Coefficient:

$$\alpha_x = \frac{V_f E_{fx} \alpha_{fx} + V_m E_m \alpha_m}{E_{fx} V_f + E_m V_m}$$



• Transverse Thermal

Expansion Coefficient:

$$\alpha_y = \alpha_z = \alpha_{fy} \sqrt{V_f} + \alpha_m (1 - \sqrt{V_f}) \left( 1 + \frac{V_f V_m E_{fx}}{E_{fx} V_f + E_m V_m} \right)$$

### C.2.2.2 Discontinuous Reinforced Composites

• Coefficient of thermal expansion

- Random Particulate (Kerner Equation Ref C-5)

$$\alpha_c = \bar{\alpha} + \frac{(\alpha_m - \alpha_p)}{\left( \frac{1}{B_m} - \frac{1}{B_p} \right)} \left[ \frac{1}{B_c} - \left( \frac{1}{B} \right) \right]$$

Where:

$$\bar{\alpha} = V_m \alpha_m + V_p \alpha_p$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{B} \right) = \frac{V_m}{B_m} + \frac{V_p}{B_p}$$

B = Bulk modulus

$\alpha$  = Thermal expansion coefficient

V = Volume fraction

$B_c$  = Bulk modulus of composite (has lower and upper bounds)

$B_p$  = Bulk modulus of particulate

- Transversely Isotropic, Aligned Whiskers (Kerner equation)

$$\alpha_x = \bar{\alpha} + \frac{\alpha_m - \alpha_p}{\left( \frac{1}{B_m} - \frac{1}{B_p} \right)} \left[ \frac{3(1 - 2\nu_{xy})}{E_x} - \left( \frac{1}{B} \right) \right]$$

- Specific Heat

$$(C_p)_c = \frac{1}{\rho_c} \left[ V_p \cdot \rho_p \cdot (C_p)_p + V_m \rho_m (C_p)_m \right]$$

- Thermal Conductivity (Lord Rayleigh Equation Ref D-6)

$$K_c = K_m \frac{1 + 2 V_r \frac{(1 - K_m/K_r)}{(2 K_m/K_r + 1)}}{1 - V_r \frac{(1 - K_m/K_r)}{(K_m/K_r + 1)}}$$

### C.3 COMPUTER ANALYSIS

Several computer codes have been developed to predict/analyze composite materials behavior. Of these codes, SQ5, GENLAM, and CLAM laminate analysis codes were used to predict thermal and mechanical properties of fiber reinforced composites.

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